

The Living Building Challenge  
or LEED:

# HOW THE BULLITT CENTER BECAME THE WORLD'S GREENEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING

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HULL

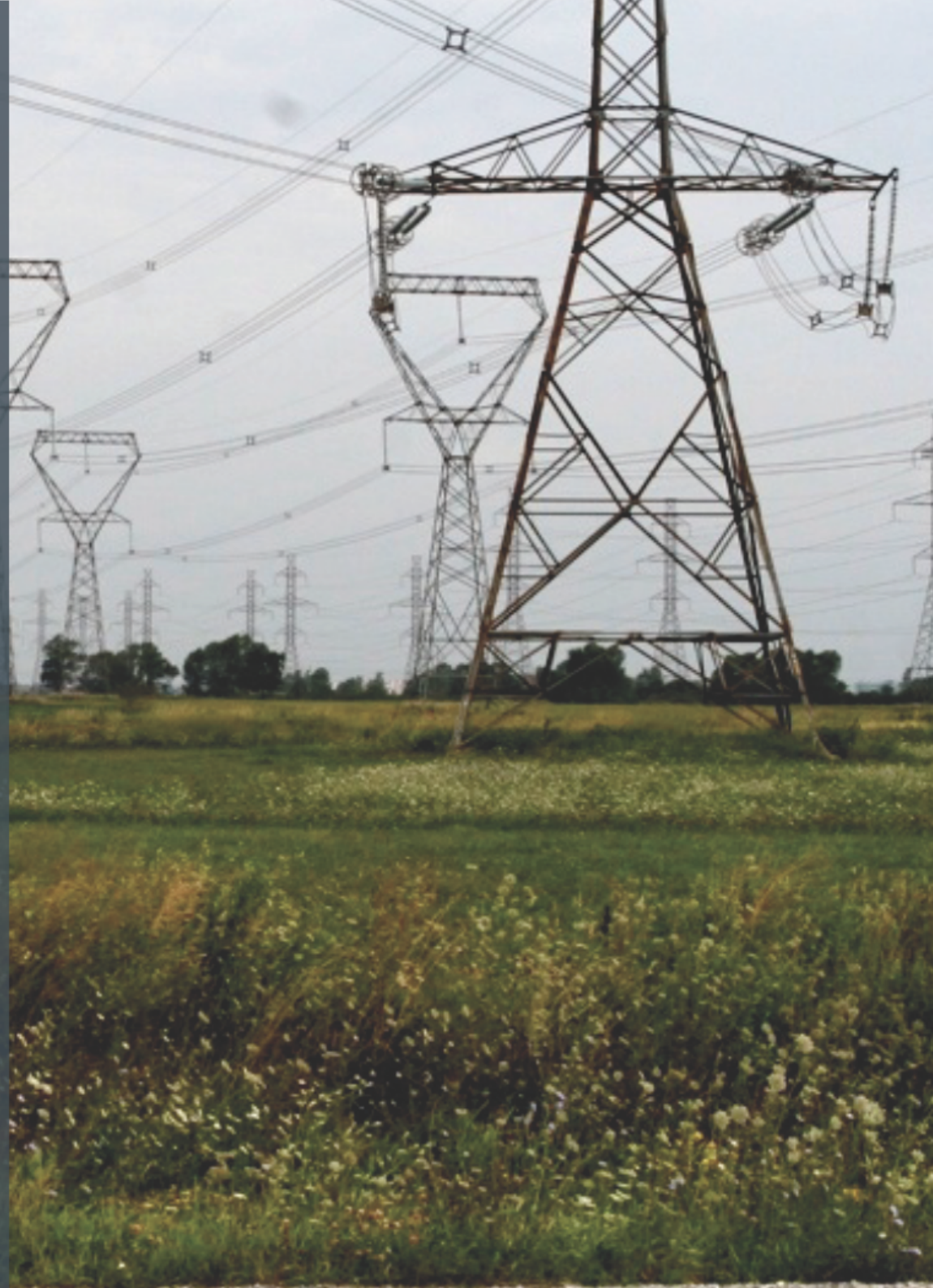




BUILDINGS  
ACCOUNT FOR:

75%

OF TOTAL  
ELECTRICAL USE  
IN THE USA





BUILDINGS  
ACCOUNT FOR:

46%

OF TOTAL  
CO2 EMISSIONS  
IN THE USA





BUILDINGS  
ACCOUNT FOR:

136M

TONS OF WASTE  
IN THE USA ANNUALLY



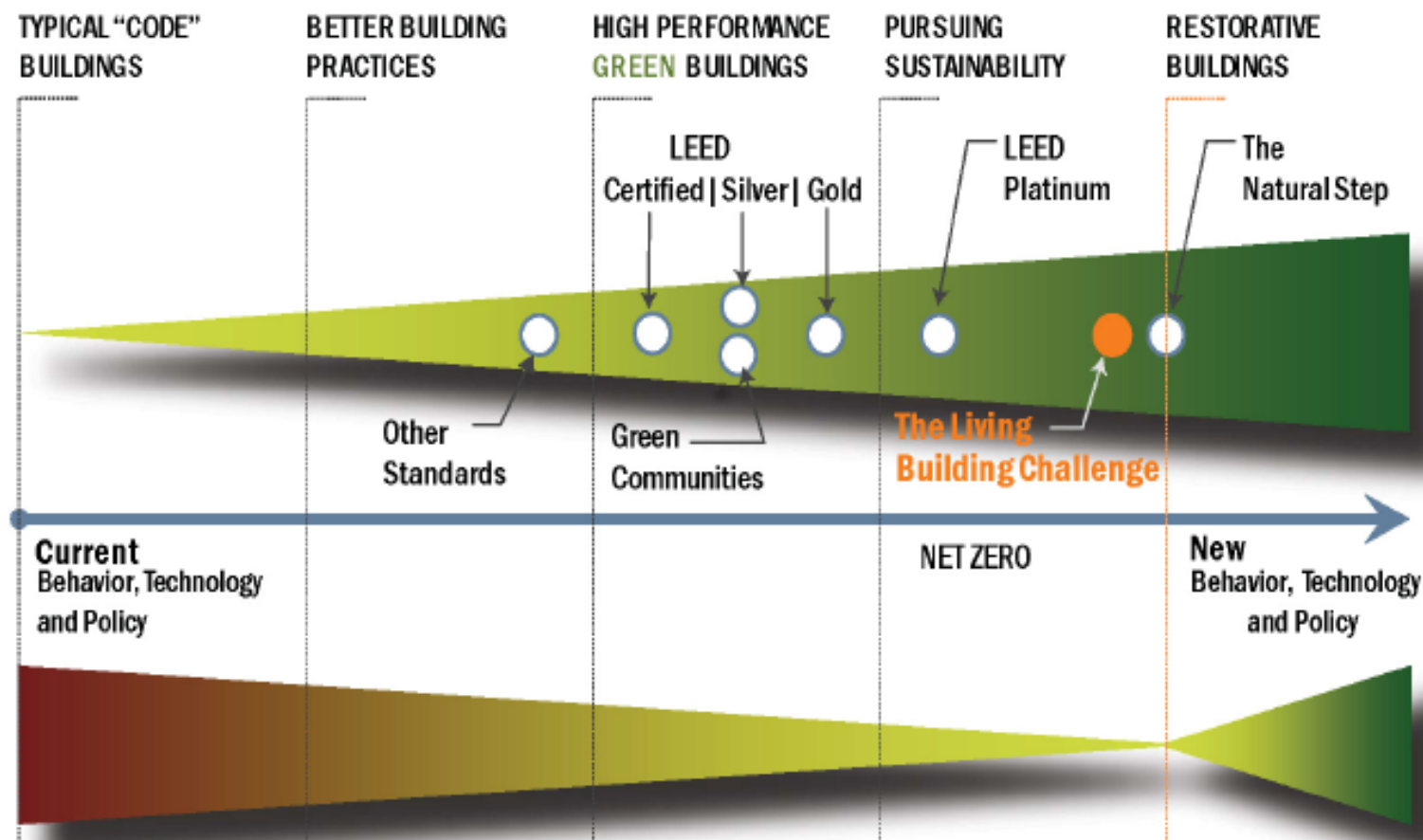


# LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE ADOPTED

credit: Interface Engineering & Central City Concern

LBC is the the most rigorous green-building benchmark available today

- » goal is to be water & energy independent
- » that means buckets of water & money saved





# LEED PLATINUM



## CASCADIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Global Learning & the Arts

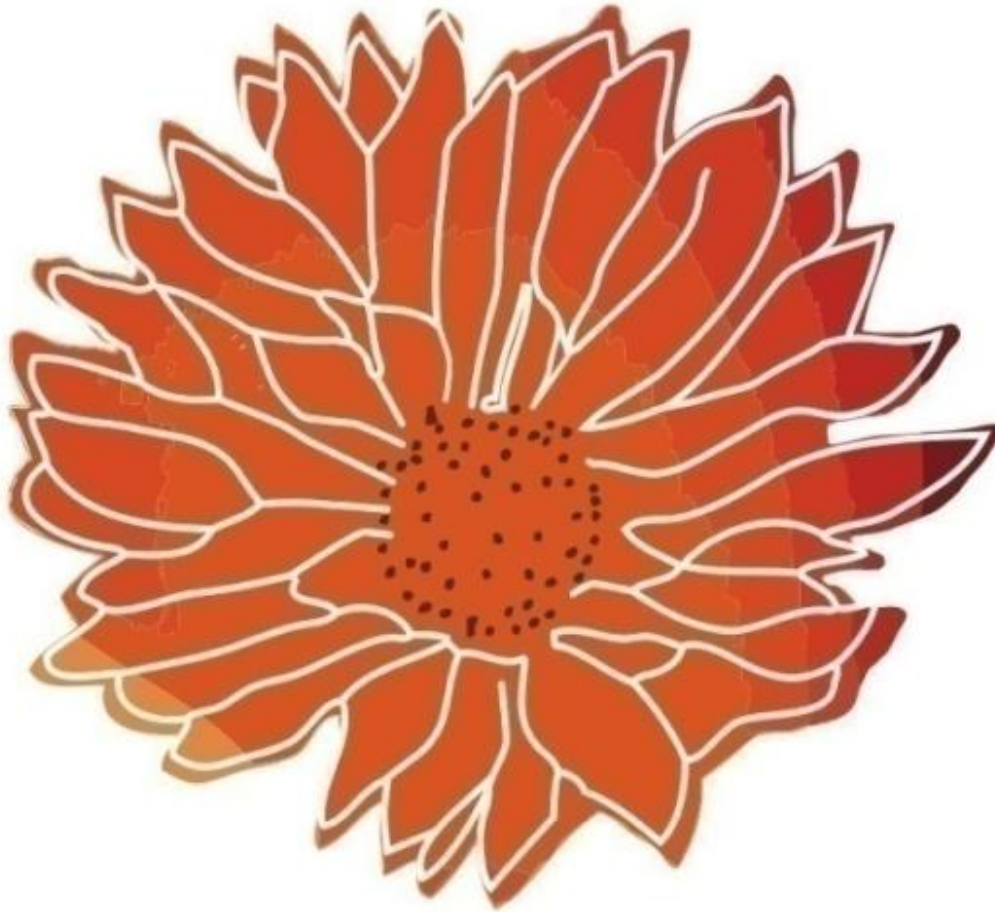


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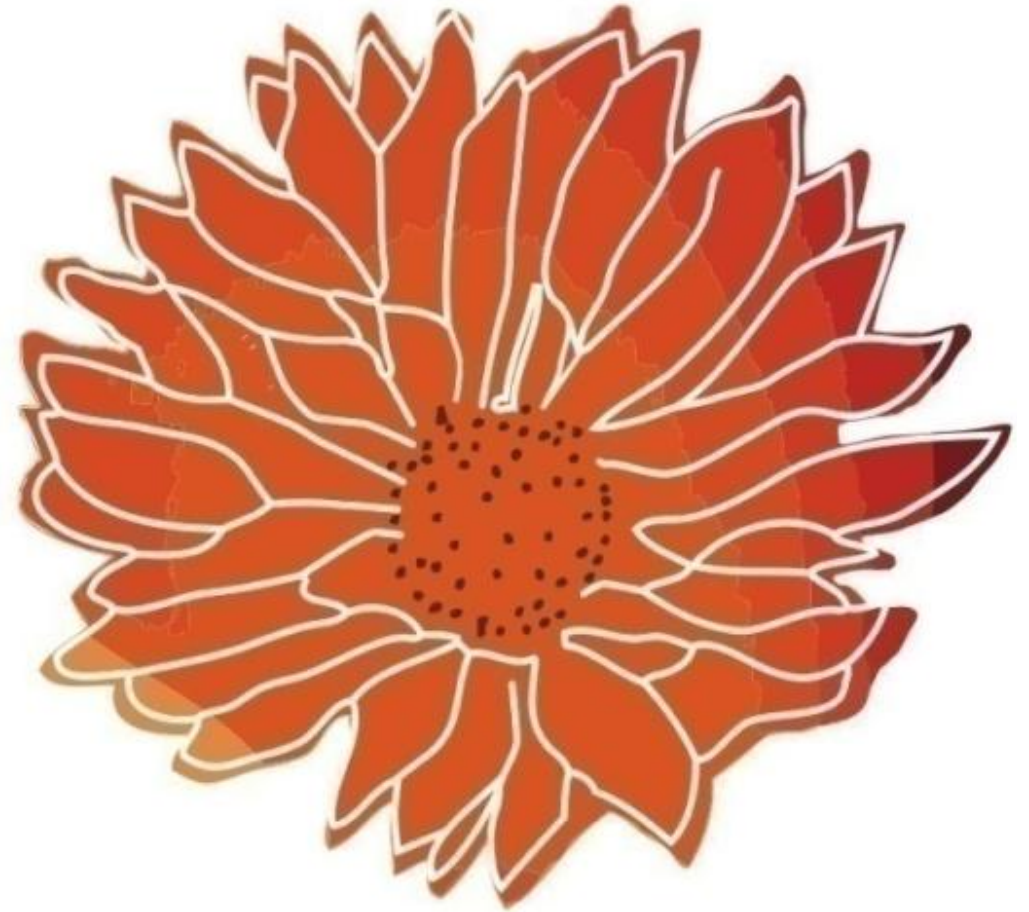
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A PERFORMANCE BASED STANDARD

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*meet all the imperatives*



*measure the results*

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RULES





Renovation



Landscape + Infrastructure



Building



Neighborhood

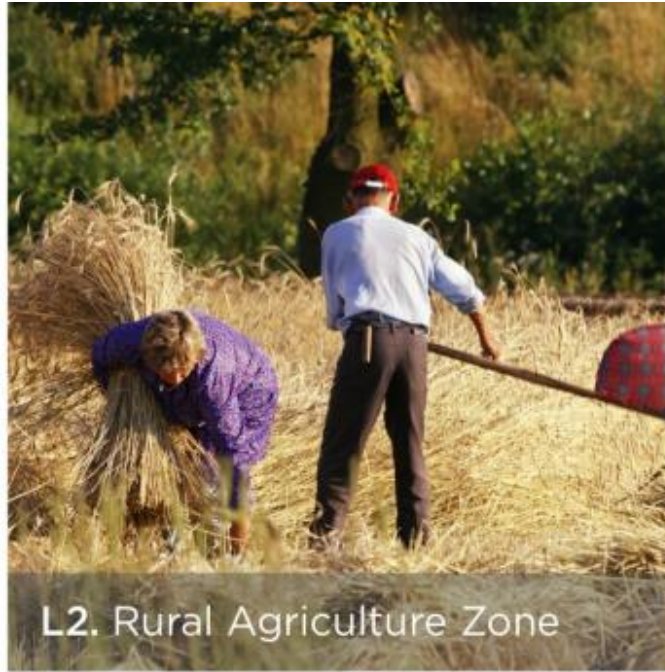
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TYPOLOGIES





L1. Natural Habitat Preserve



L2. Rural Agriculture Zone



L3. Village or Campus Zone



L4. General Urban Zone



L5. Urban Center Zone



L6. Urban Core Zone

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## TRANSECTS






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PETALS

01

LIMITS TO GROWTH




Projects may only be on greyfields or brownfields – previously developed sites that are not on or adjacent to:

- sensitive ecological habitats (wetlands, primary dunes, old-growth forest, virgin prairie);
- prime farmland;
- within the 100-year flood plain.

02


URBAN AGRICULTURE



All projects must identify opportunities for agriculture appropriate to the scale and density of the project using its Floor Area Ratio (FAR) as the basis for calculation.

03


HABITAT EXCHANGE



For each feature of development, an equal amount of land must be set aside in perpetuity in part of a habitat exchange.

04

CAR FREE LIVING




Each new project should contribute towards the creation of walkable, pedestrian-oriented communities.

Consider the proportion of the following occupancy types surrounding the project site:

- Residential
- Commercial or institutional
- Office or light industrial

05


NET ZERO WATER



100% occupant water use must come from captured precipitation or closed loop water systems that account for downstream ecosystem impacts and that are completely purified without the use of chemicals.

06


ECOLOGICAL WATER FLOW



100% storm water and building water discharge must be managed onsite to feed the project's internal water demands or released onto adjacent sites for management.

07


NET ZERO ENERGY



100% energy needs must be supplied by on-site renewable energy or a net amount.

08


CIVILIZED ENVIRONMENT



Every occupiable space must have operable windows that provide access to fresh air and daylight.

09

HEALTHY AIR




To promote good indoor air quality, Renovations, Buildings, and buildings completed as part of Neighborhood projects must comply with best practices.

Conduct air quality testing at pre-occupancy and after nine months of occupancy to measure levels of Respirable Suspended Particulates (RSP) and Total Volatile Organic Compounds (TVOC).

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BIOPIELA



The project must be designed to include elements that nurture the innate human attraction to natural systems and processes.

11


RED LIST



The project cannot contain wood or clay materials or chemicals, such as carcinogens, persistent organic pollutants, bioaccumulative toxins, and endocrine disruptors.

12


EMBEDDED CARBON FOOTPRINT



The project must account for the total footprint of embedded carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>e) from its construction and projected replacement parts through a one-time carbon offset tool.

13


RESPONSIBLE INDUSTRY



The project must advocate for the creation and adoption of third-party certified standards for sustainable resource extraction and fair labor practices. Applicable raw materials include stone and rock, metal, and timber.

14


APPROPRIATE SOURCING



The project must incorporate place-based solutions and contribute to the expansion of a regional economy rooted in sustainable practices, products and services.

15


CONSERVATION + REUSE



All projects teams must strive to reduce or minimize the production of waste during design, construction, operation, and end of life in order to conserve natural resources.

16


HUMAN SCALE + HUMANE PLACES



The project must be designed to create human-scaled rather than automobile-scaled places, so that the experience brings out the best in humanity and promotes culture and interaction.

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DEMOCRACY + SOCIAL JUSTICE




All primary transportation, roads and non-building infrastructure that are externally located must be equally accessible to all members of the public regardless of background, age and socioeconomic class, with reasonable steps taken to ensure that all people can benefit from the project's creation.

Access for those with physical disabilities must be safeguarded through designs meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

18


RIGHTS TO NATURE



The project may not block access to, nor diminish the quality of, fresh air, sunlight and natural waterways for any member of society or adjacent developments.

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BEAUTY + SPIRIT



The project must contain design features intended solely for human delight and the celebration of culture, spirit and place appropriate to its function.

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INSPIRATION + EDUCATION



Educational materials about the performance and operation of the project must be provided to the public to share successful solutions and to motivate others to make change.

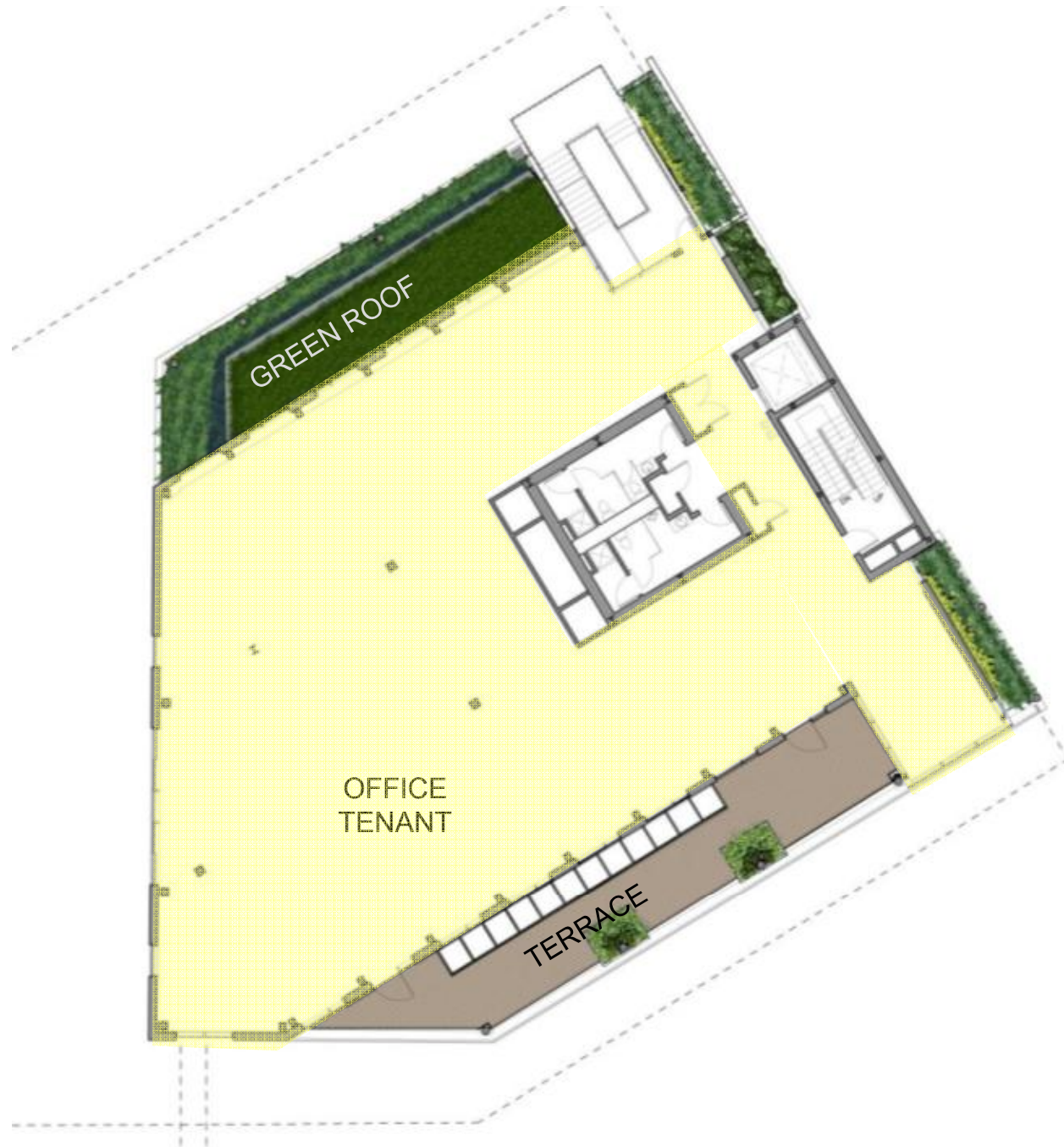
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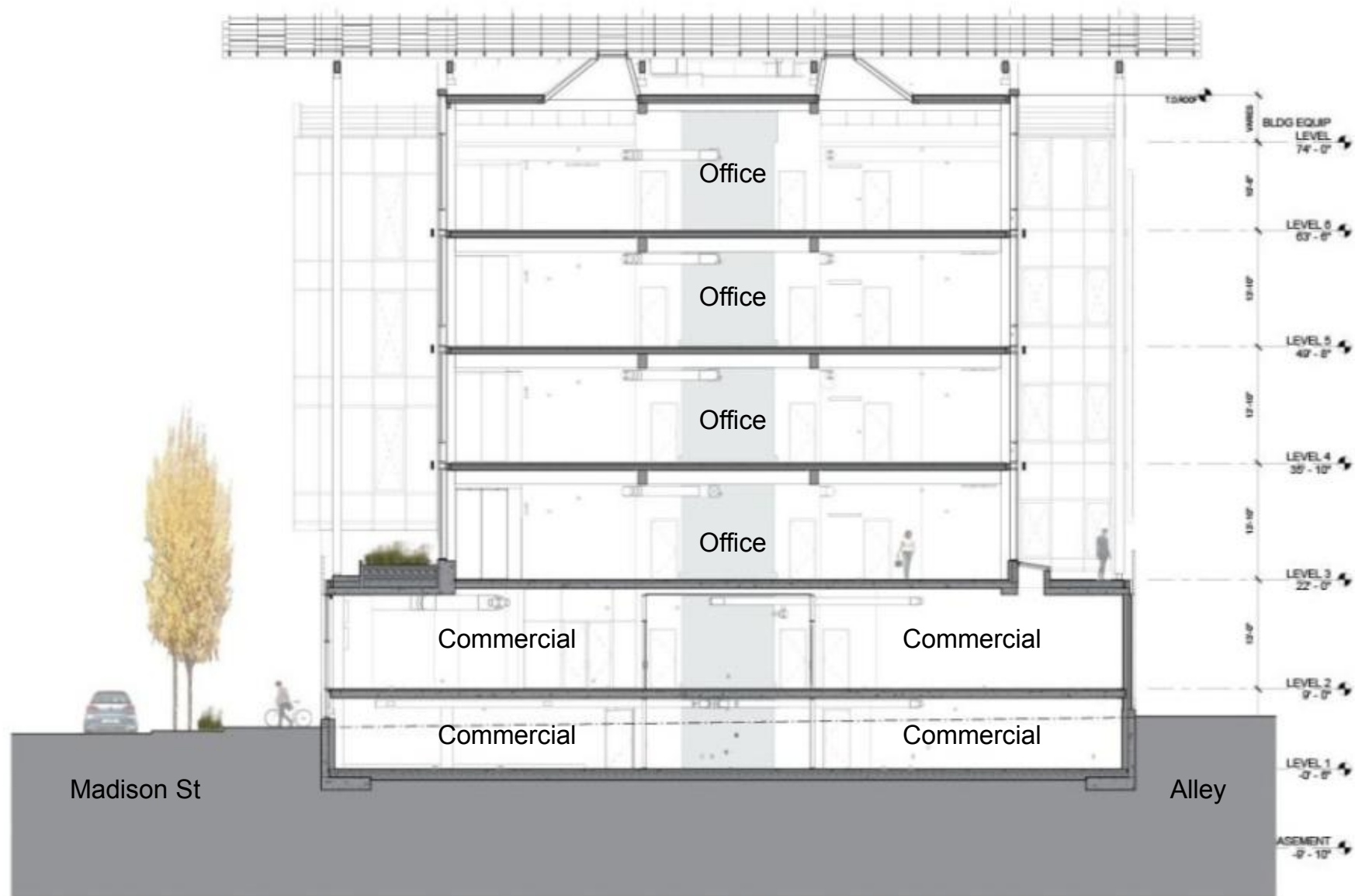


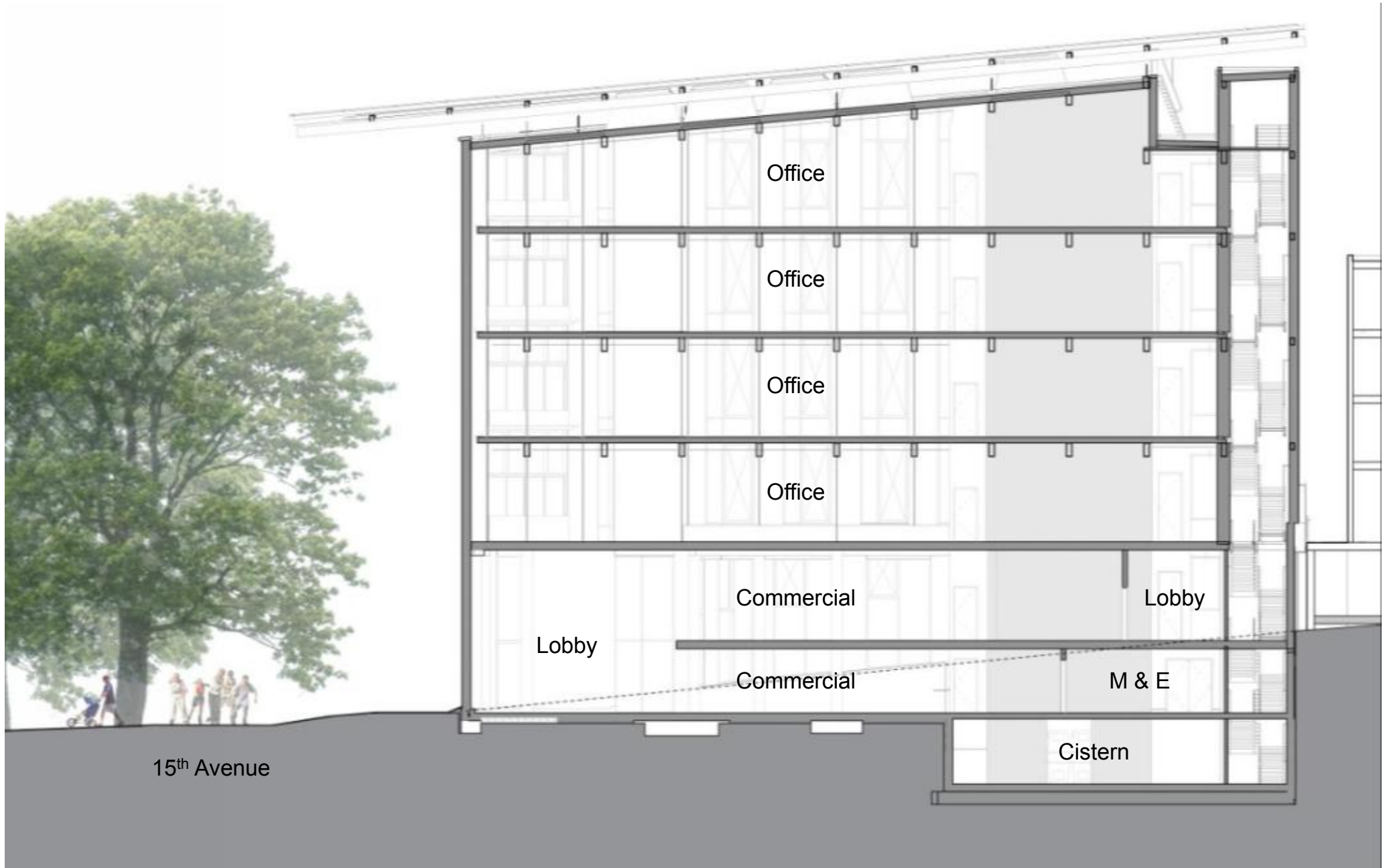












Office

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Commercial

Lobby

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M & E

Cistern

15<sup>th</sup> Avenue











# NET-ZERO WATER

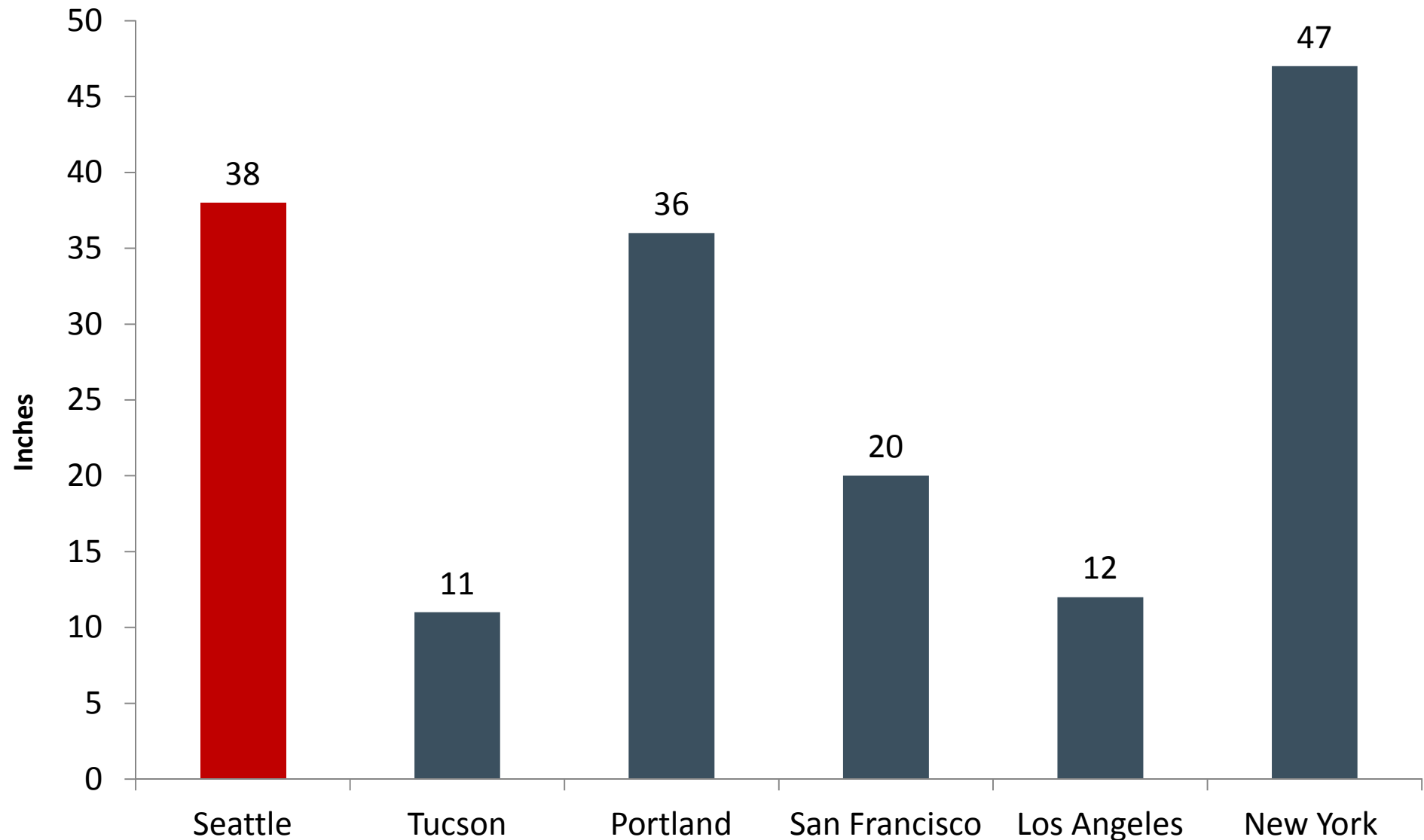
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RAINWATER CAPTURE AND  
ON-SITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT

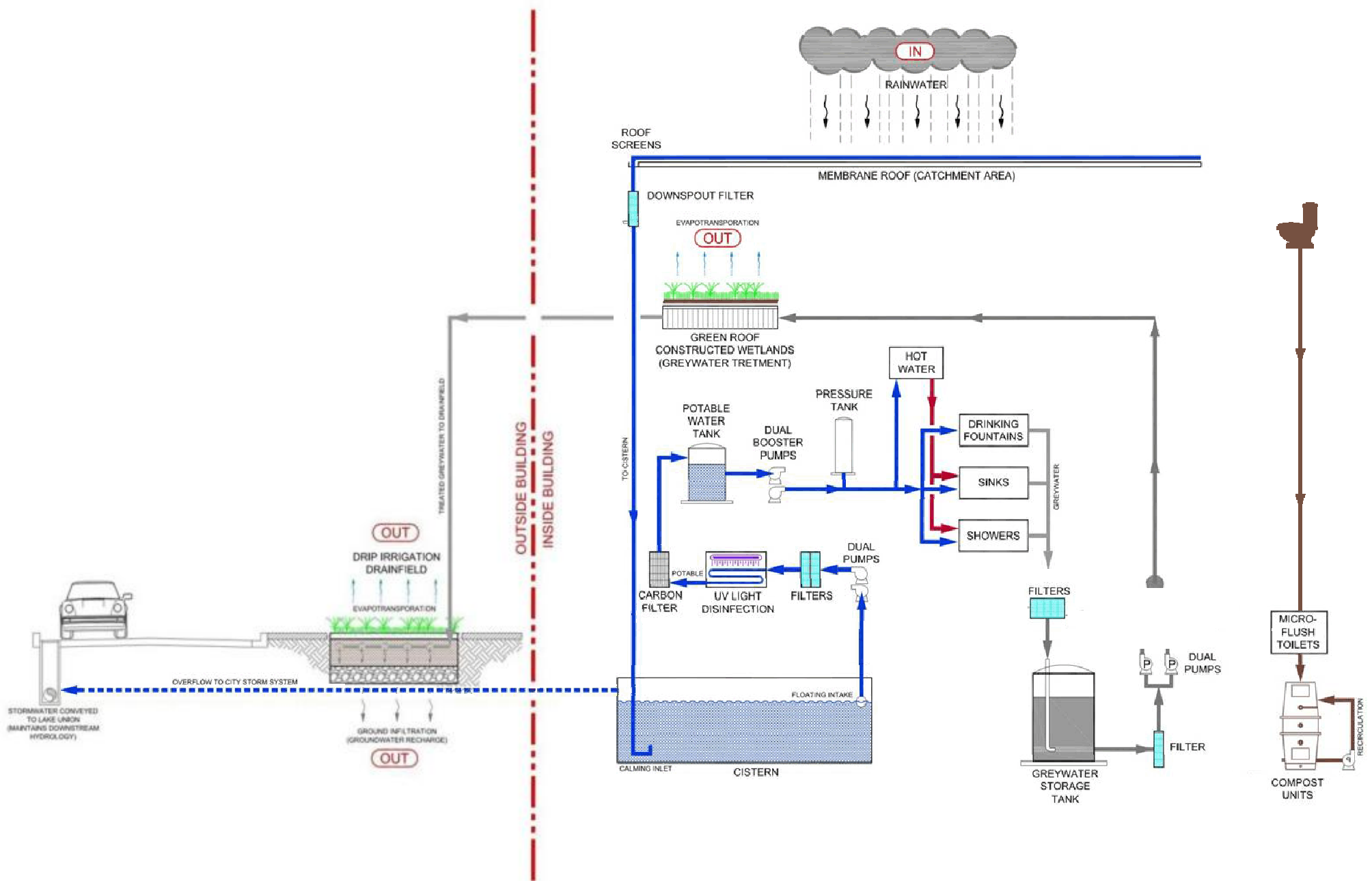
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# Net Zero Water

Rain Income – Average Yearly Rain Fall

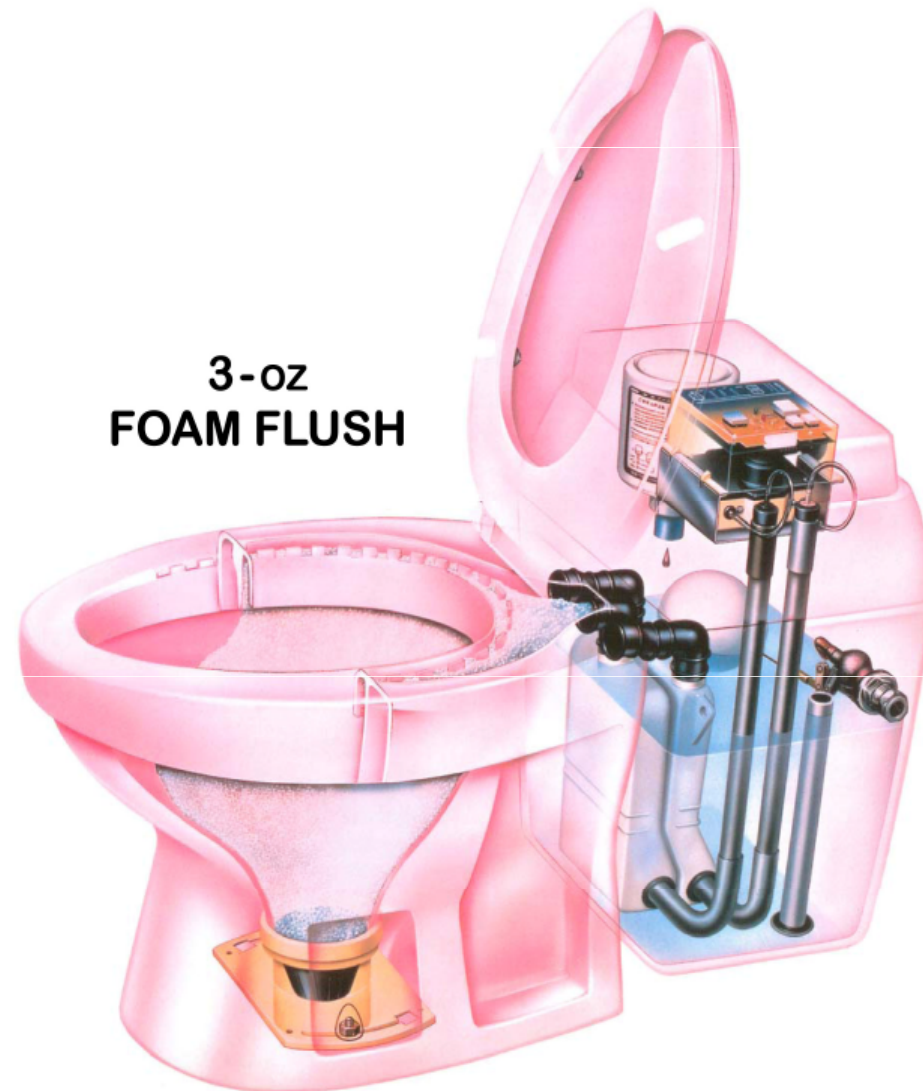






# Net Zero Water

## Foam Flush Toilets



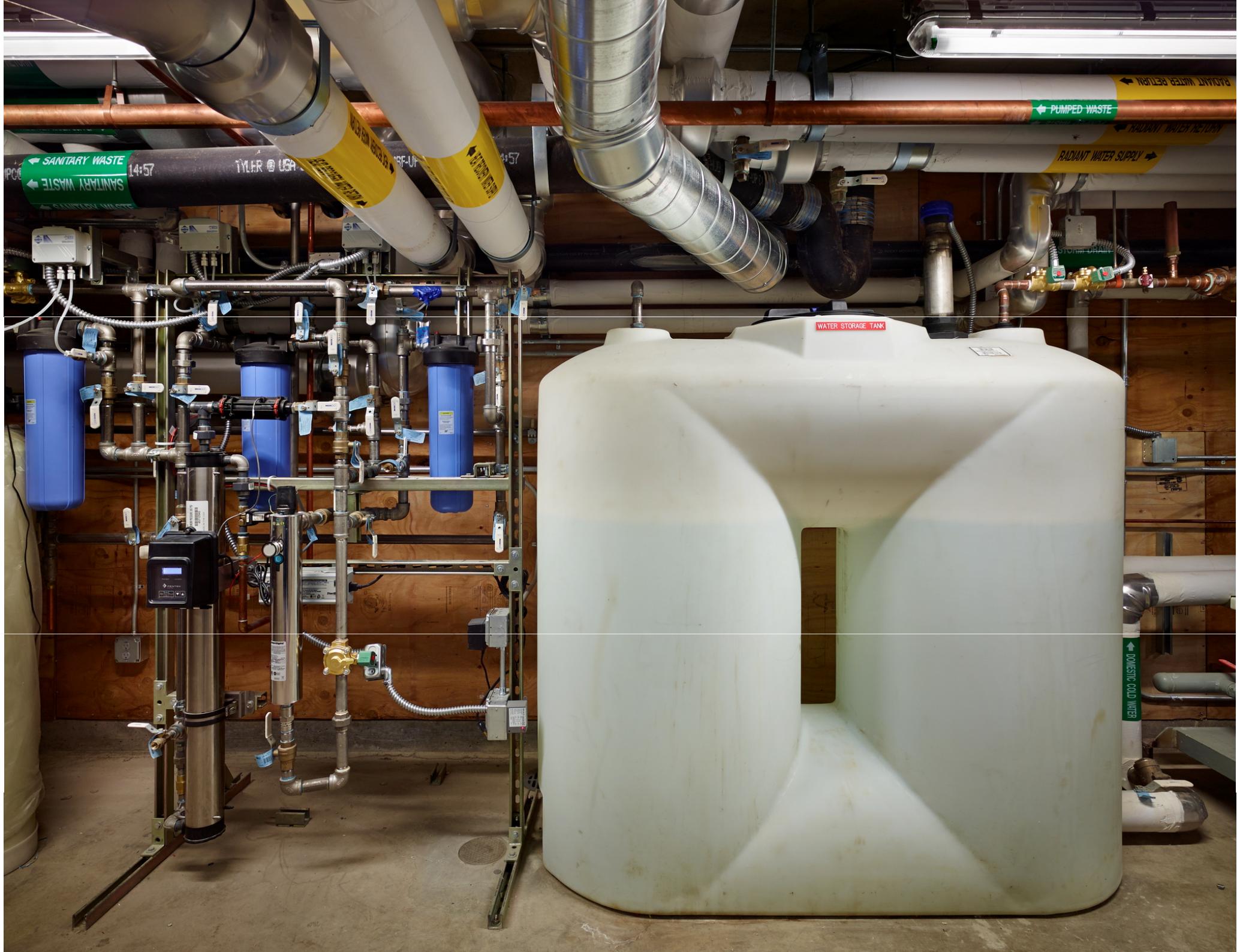














# GRAY WATER TREATMENT

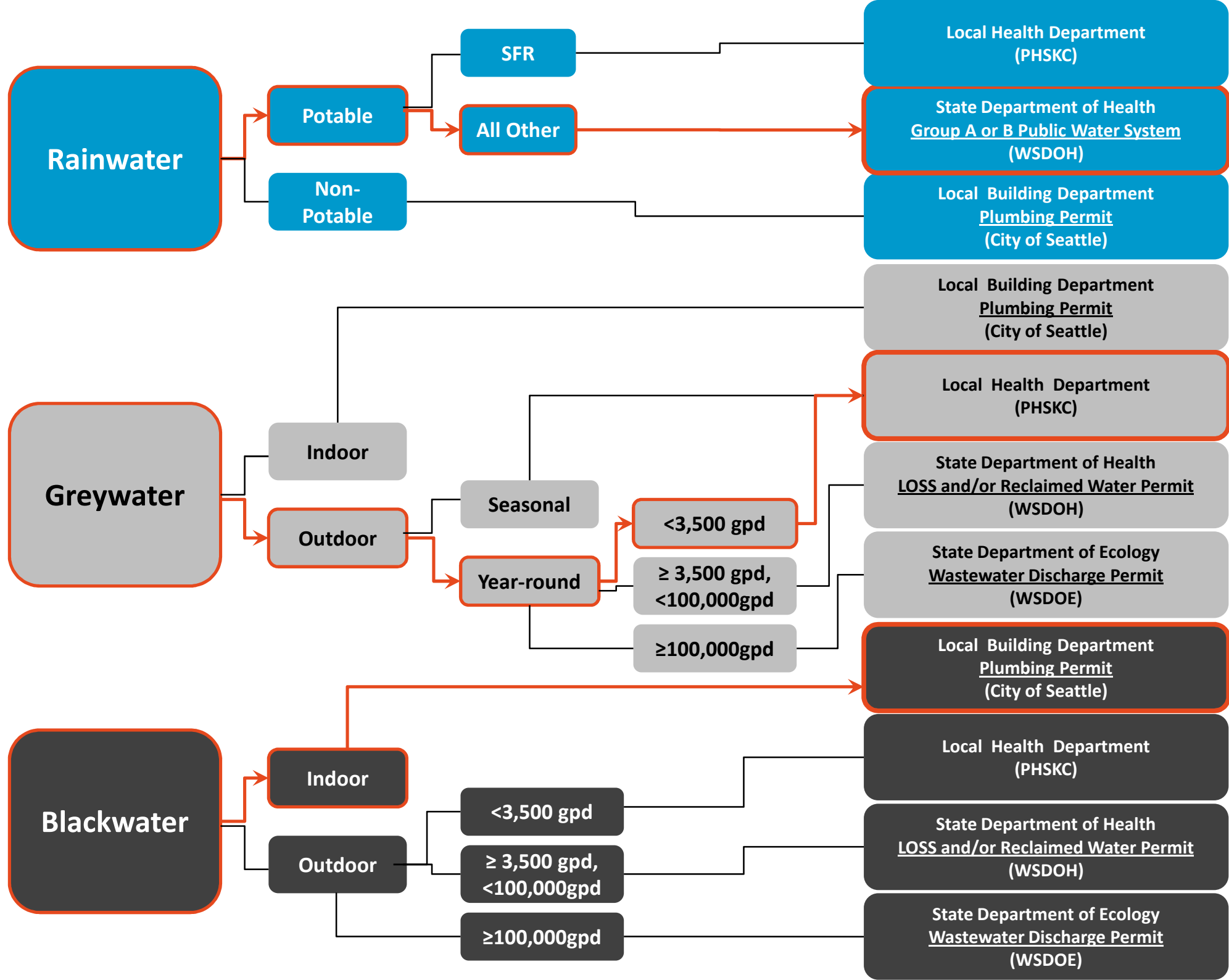
An architectural rendering of a modern, multi-story building with a prominent green roof and a large solar panel array. The building features large glass windows and a white facade. The green roof is visible on the upper floors, and the solar panels are mounted on a structure extending from the roof. The building is surrounded by trees and a street with a red brick sidewalk. Two callout boxes highlight specific features: 'GREEN ROOF FILTRATION' and 'POST-TREATMENT INFILTRATION'.

**GREEN ROOF  
FILTRATION**

**POST-TREATMENT  
INFILTRATION**

IMAGE: MILLER HULL





# NET-ZERO ENERGY

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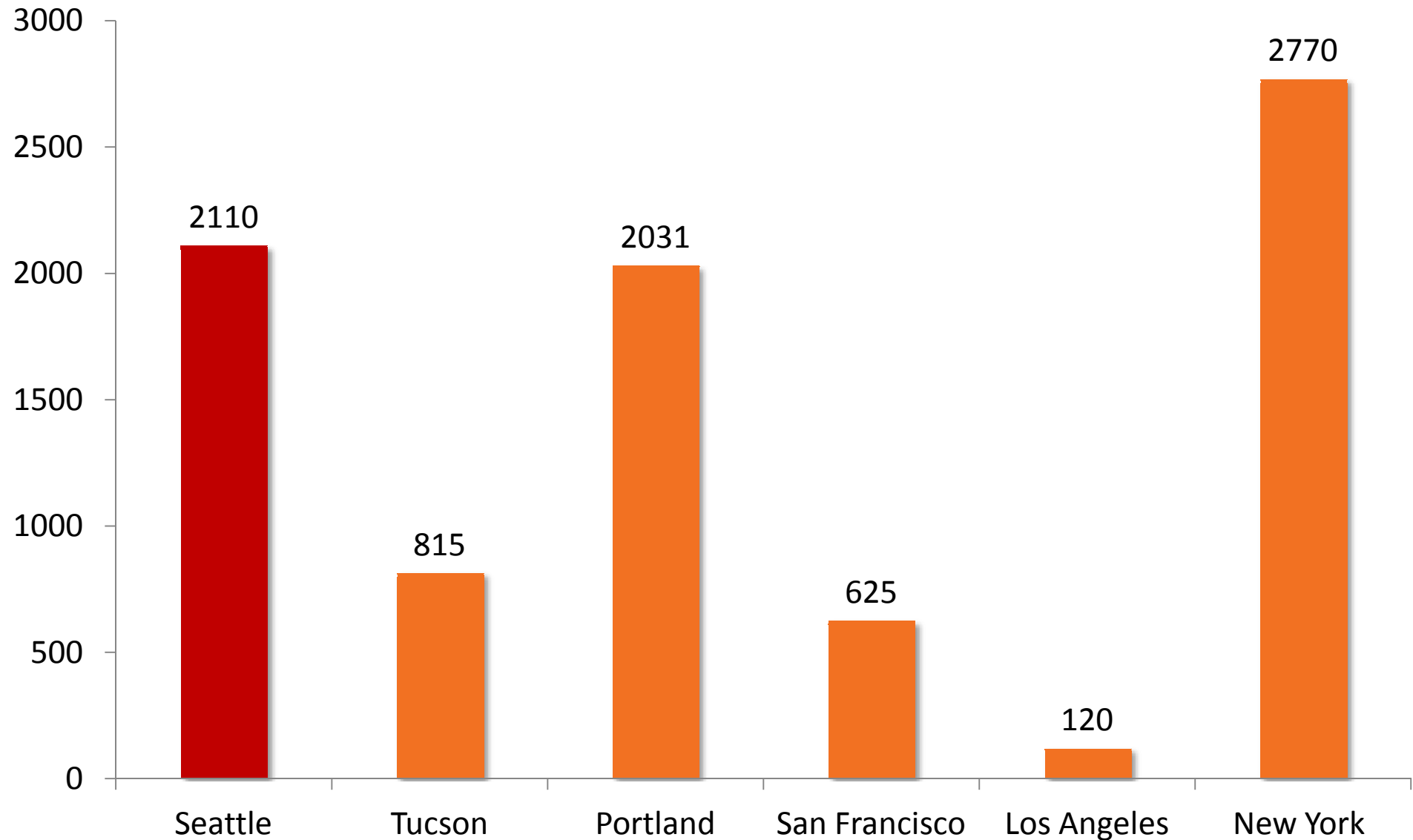
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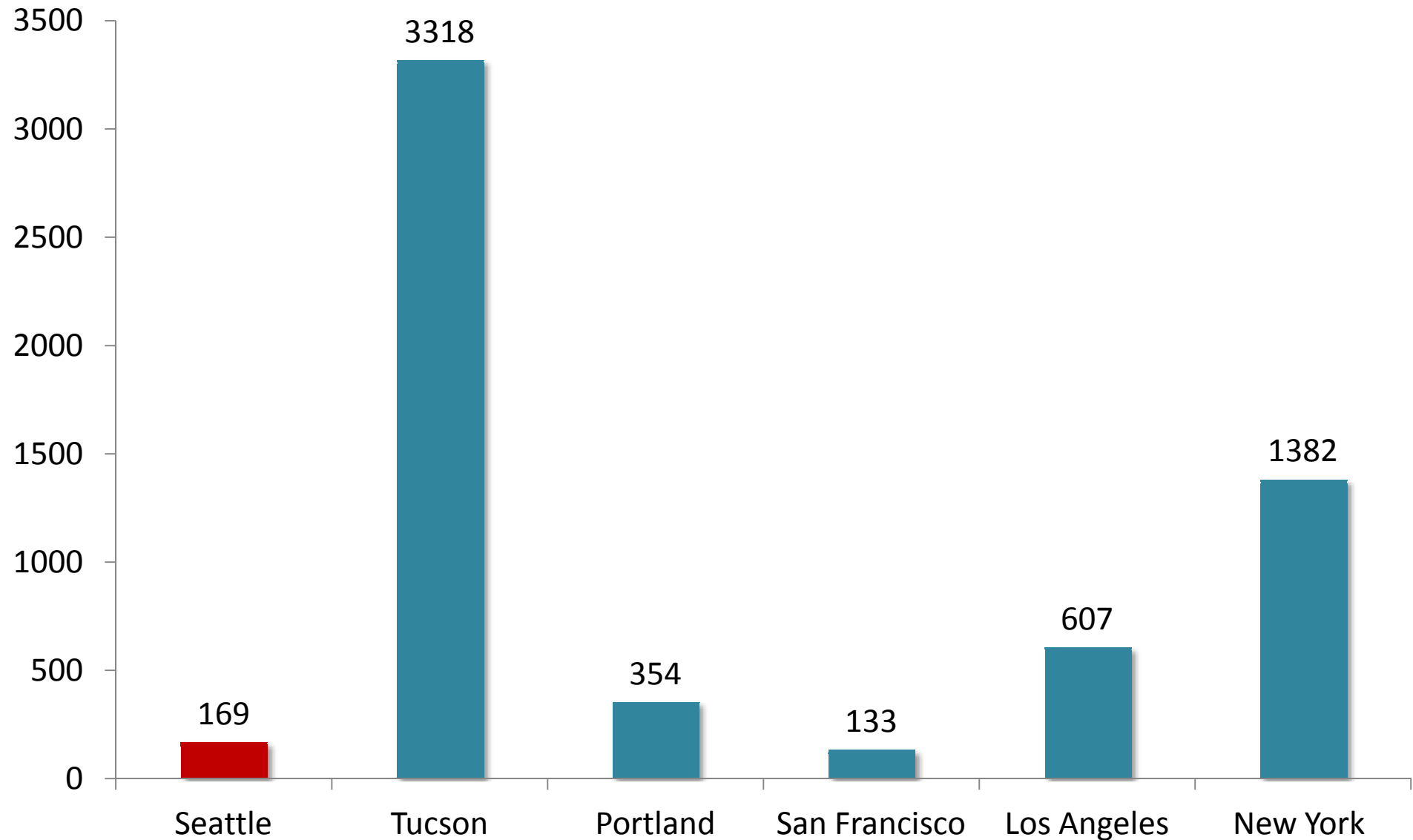
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## Heating Degree Days

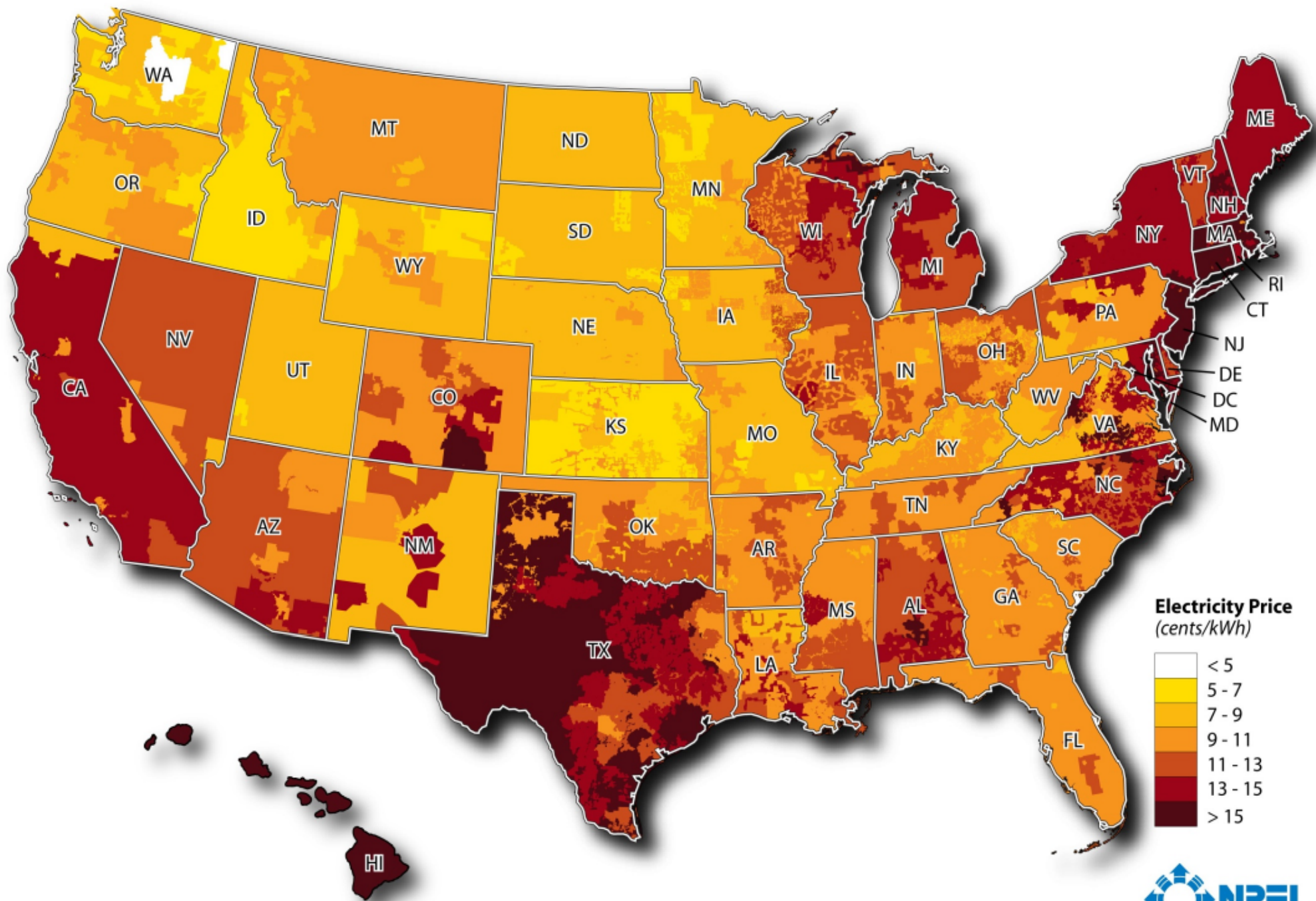


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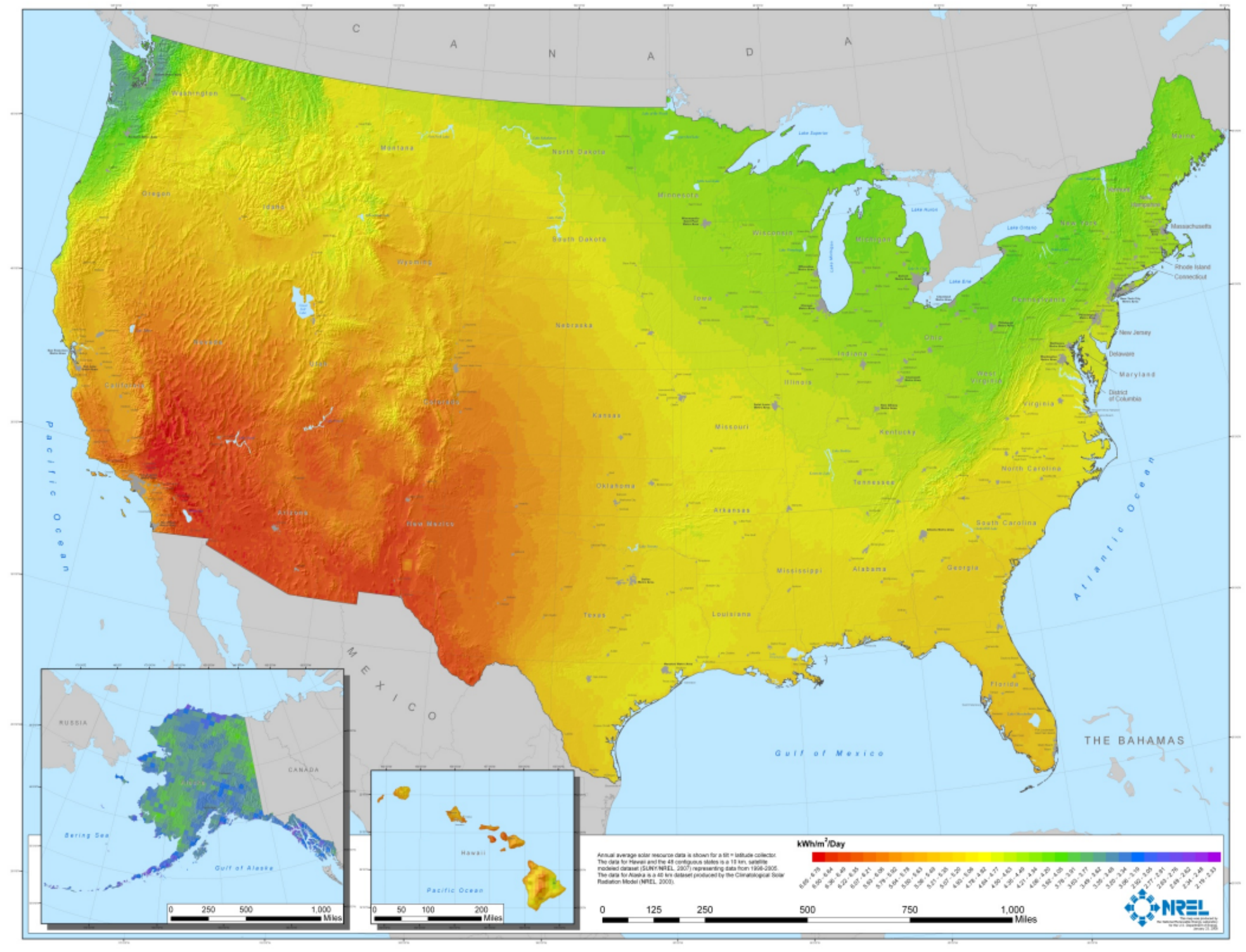
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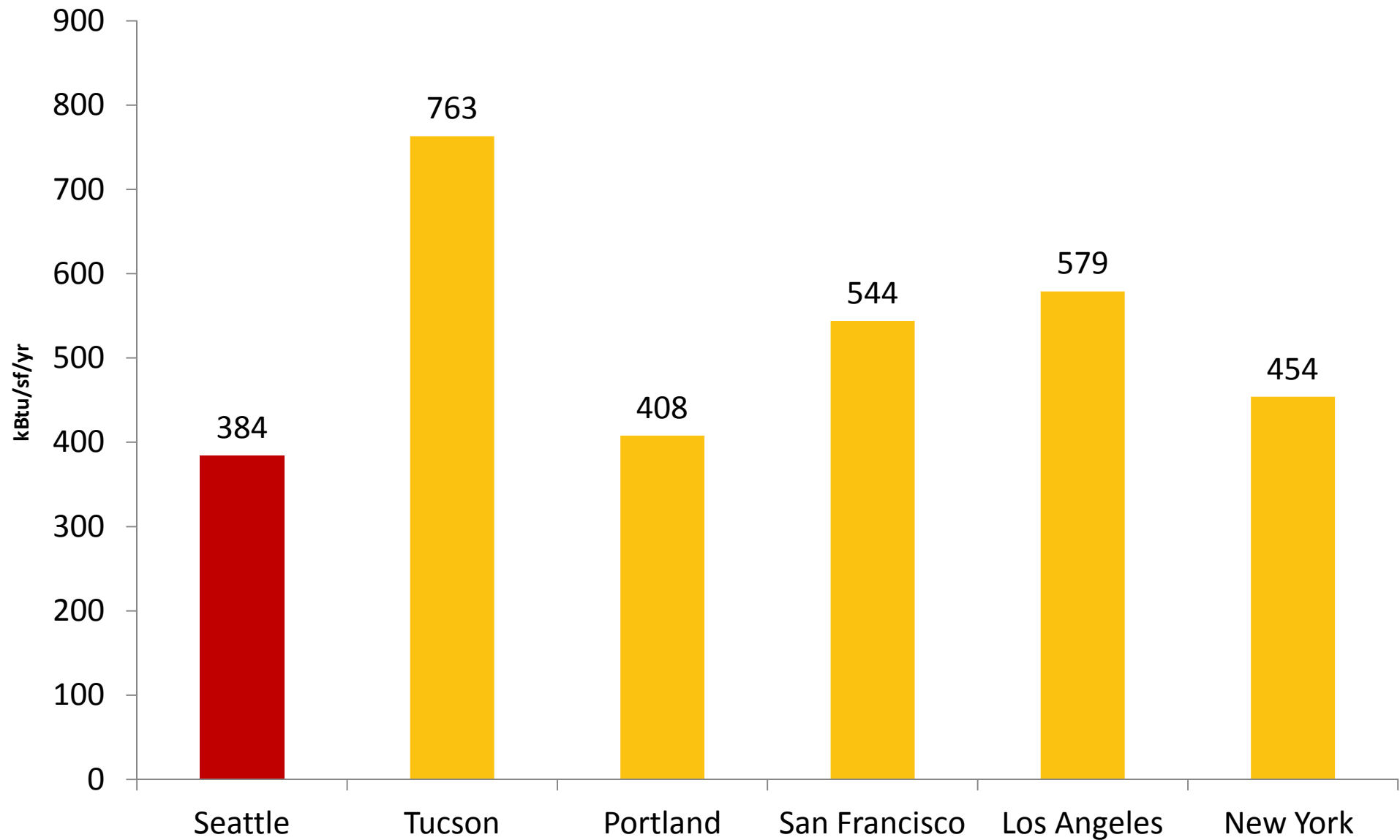
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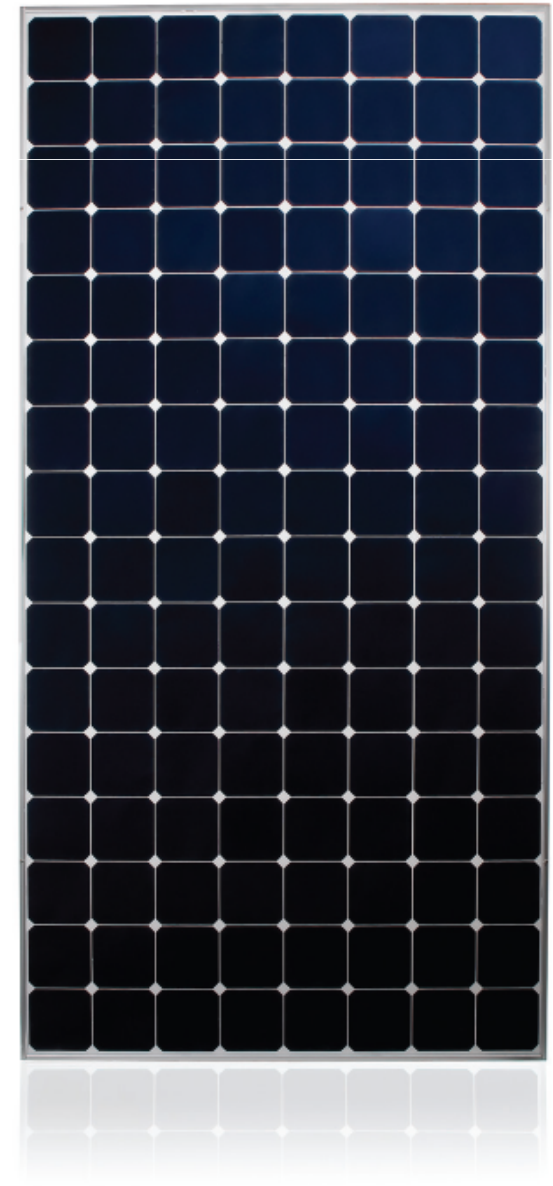
## Solar Income



# Net Zero Energy

Sunpower 425W - SPR-425E-WHT-D

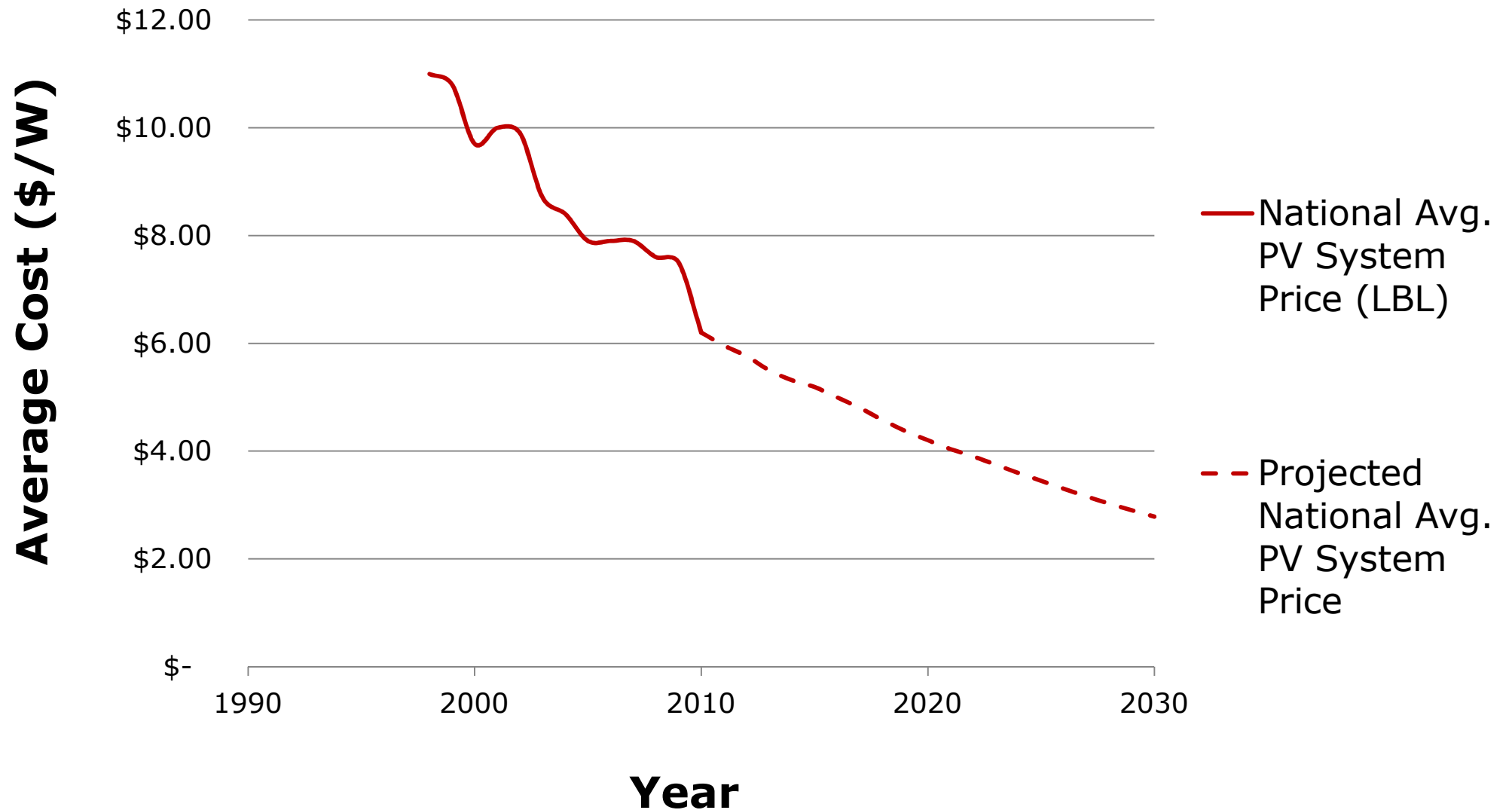
Number of modules	570
Unit Nom. Power	425 W
Peak System Output	227 kW
Produced Energy	242,000 KWH/yr
Panel Efficiency (STC)	19.7%
System Efficiency	~16%



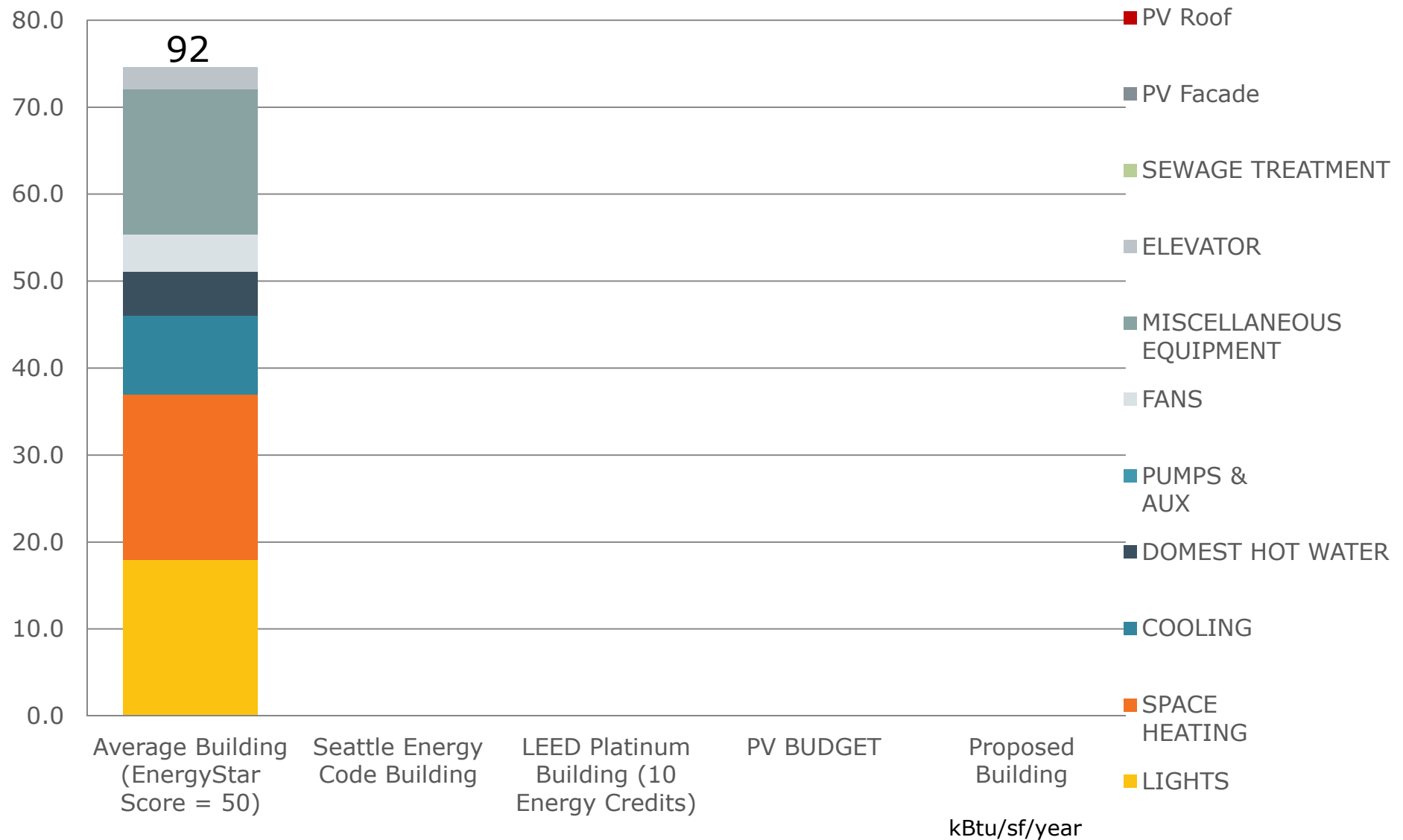


# First cost trend

Average Price of PV

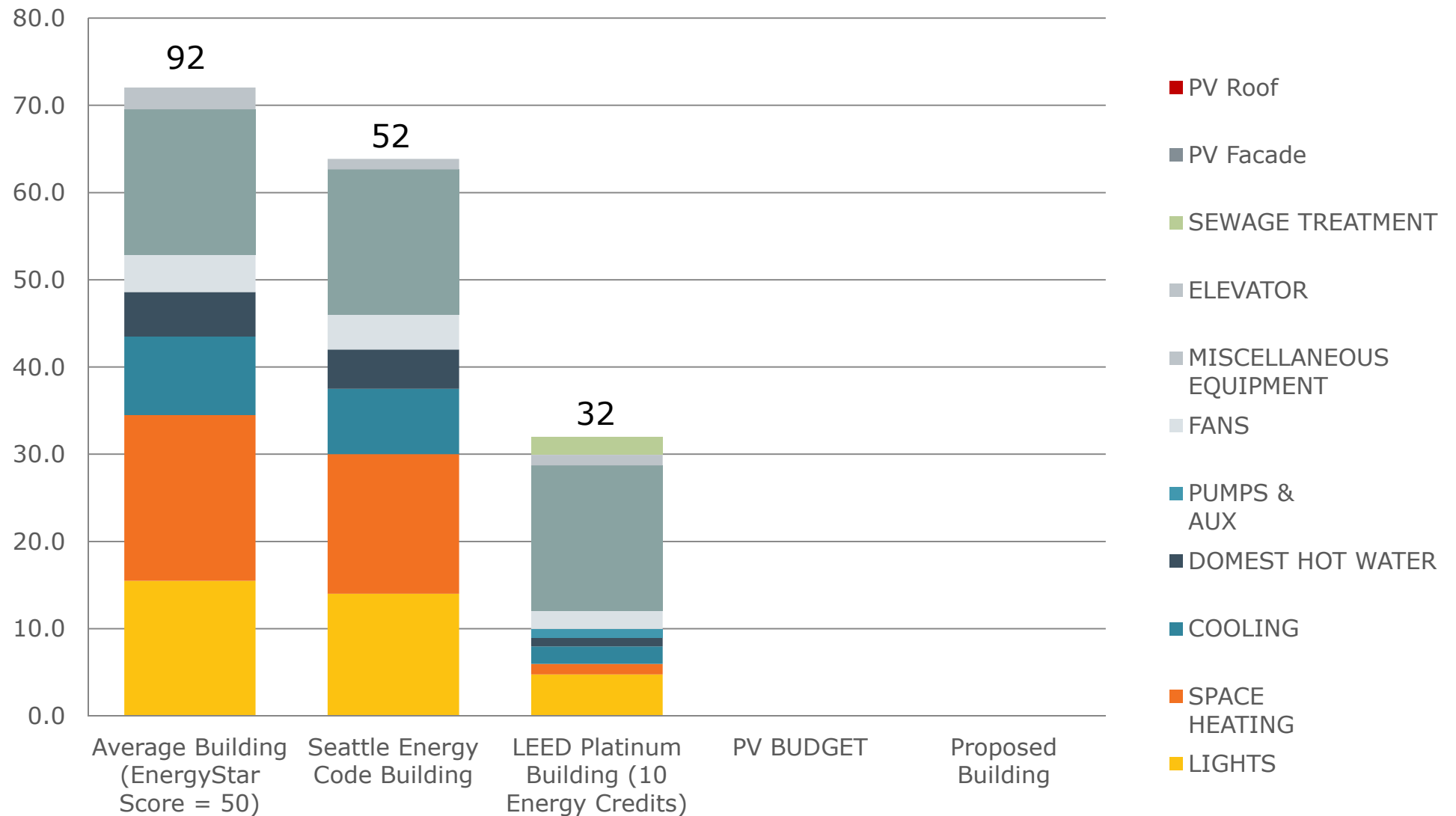


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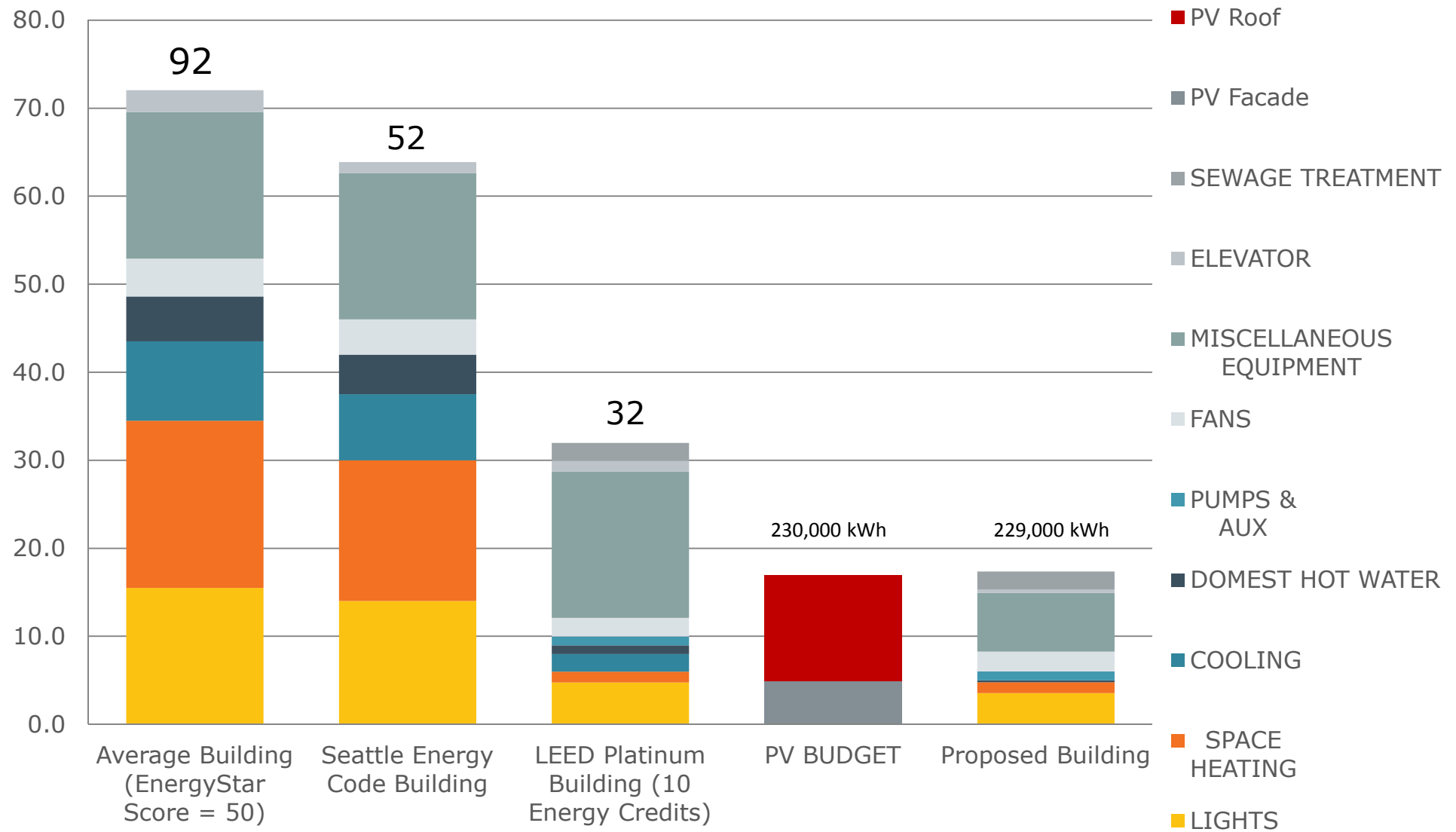




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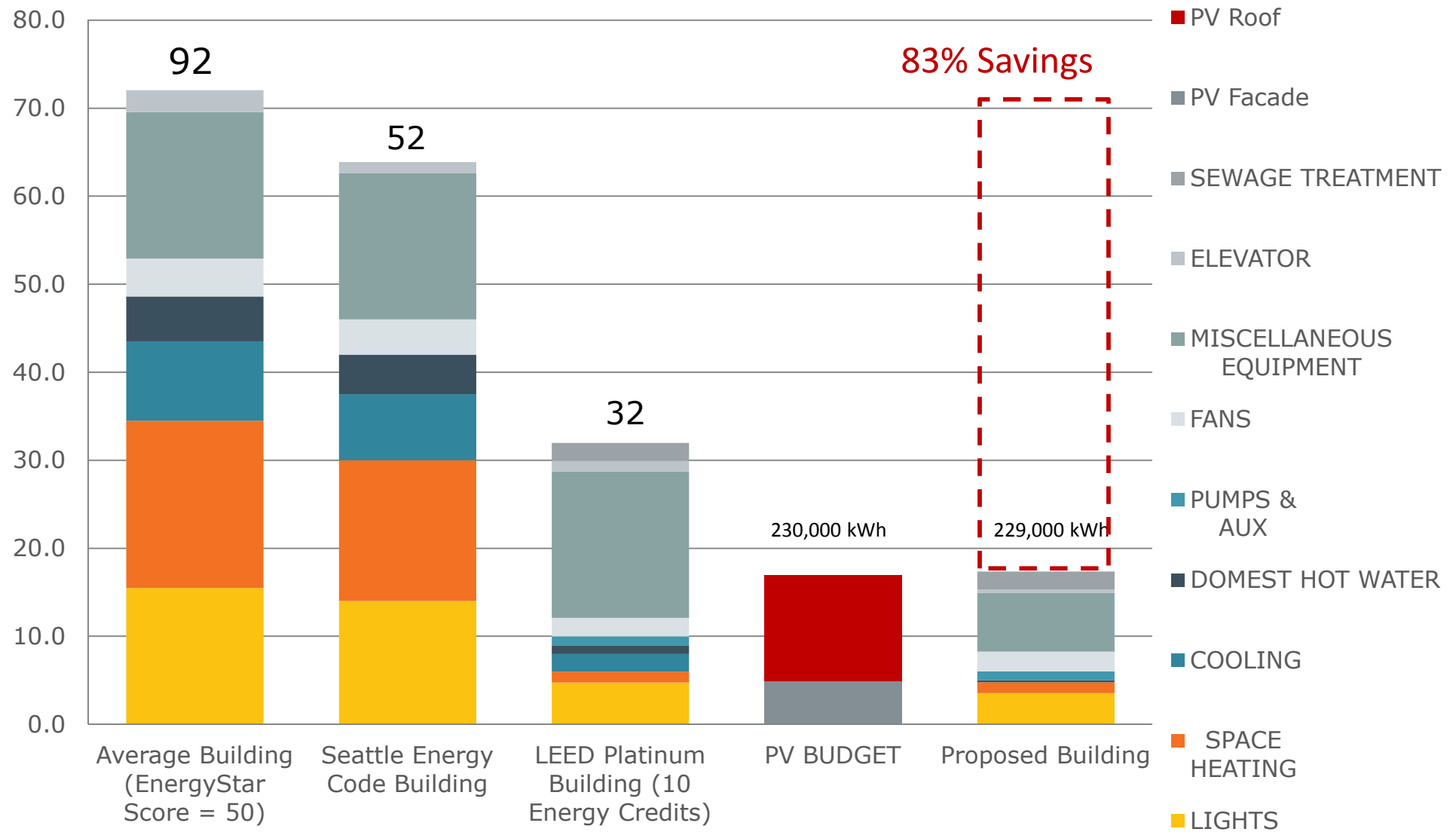


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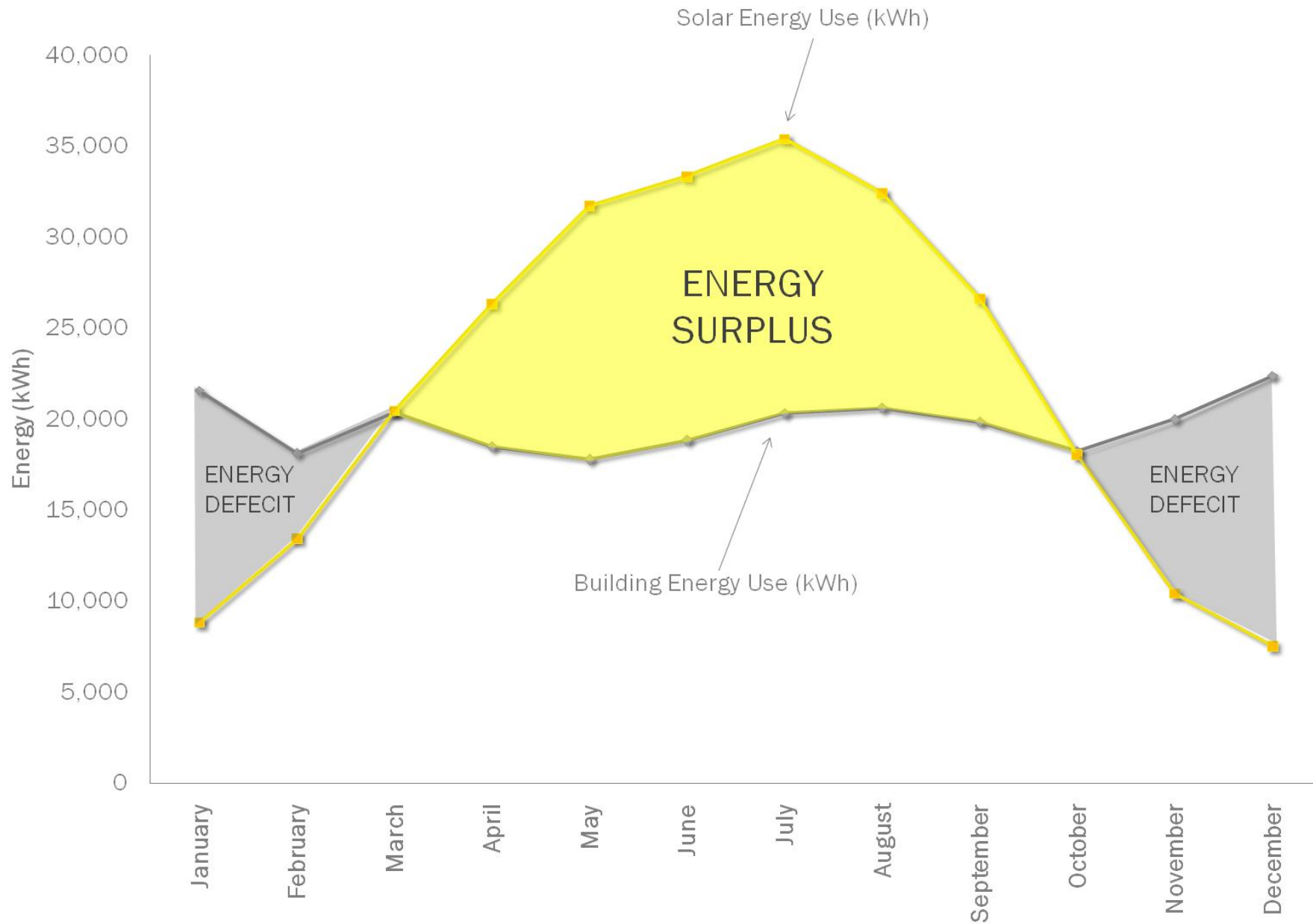


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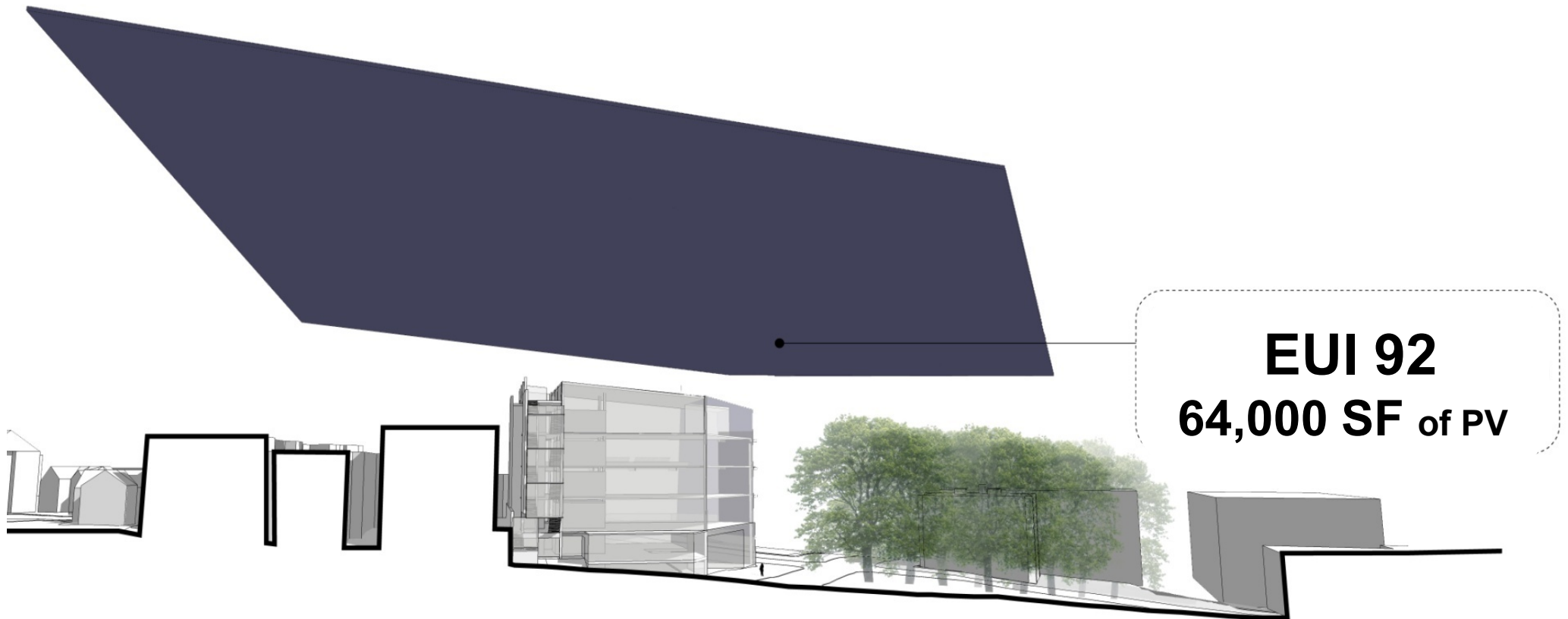
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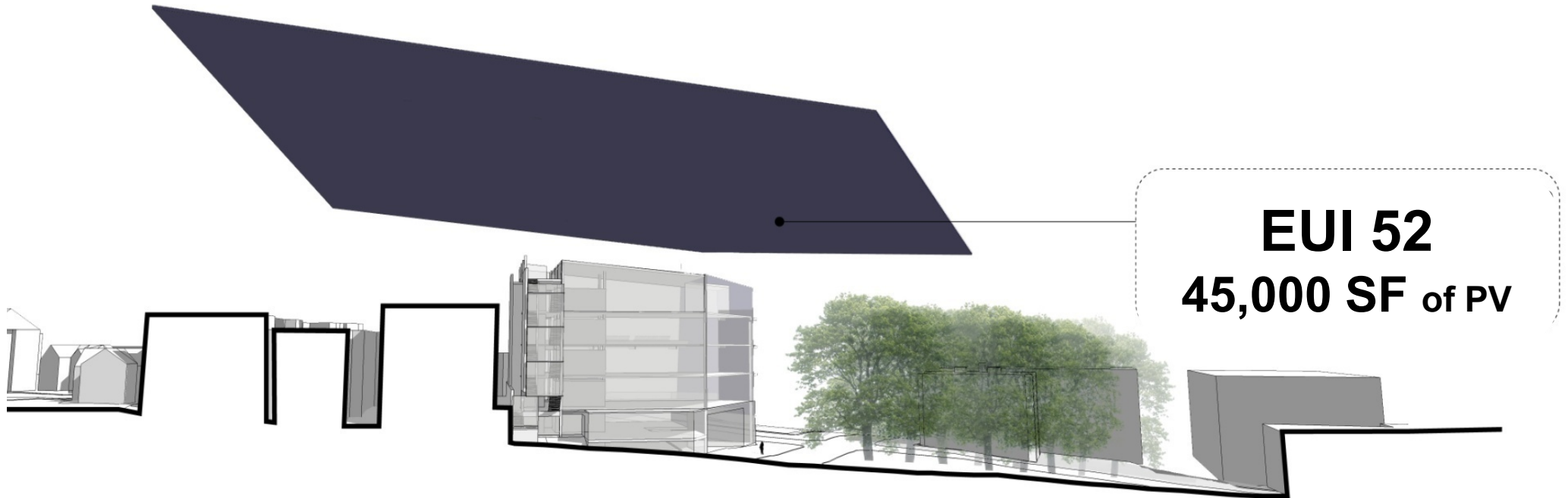
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PV Area



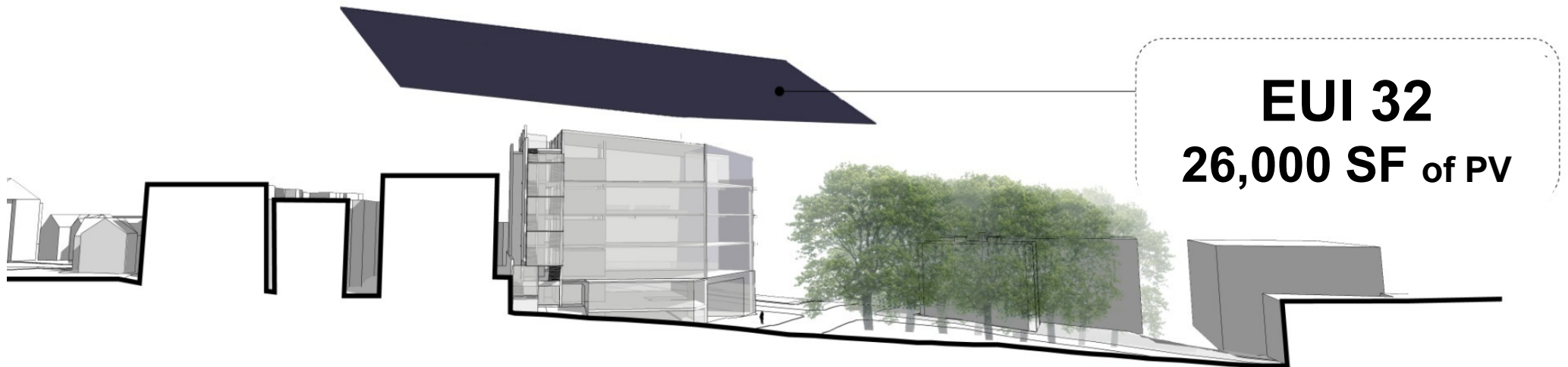
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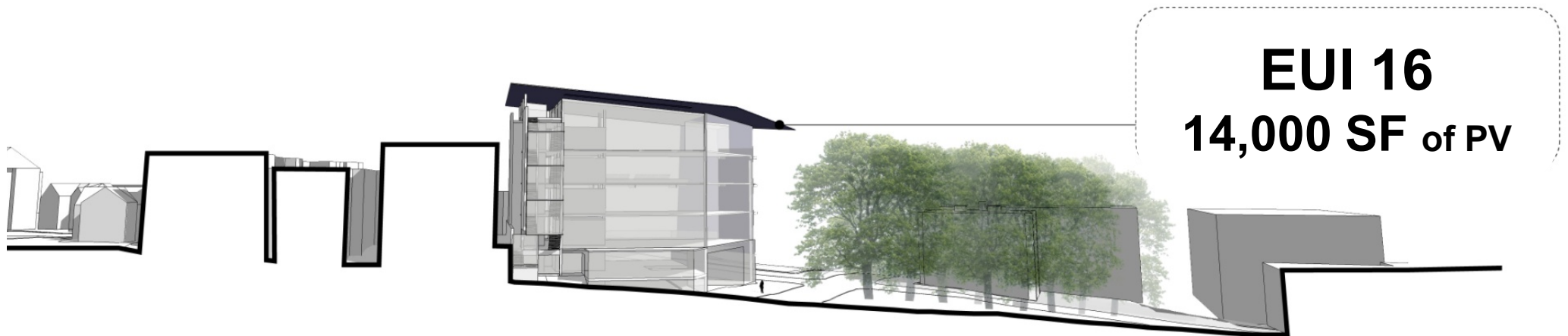
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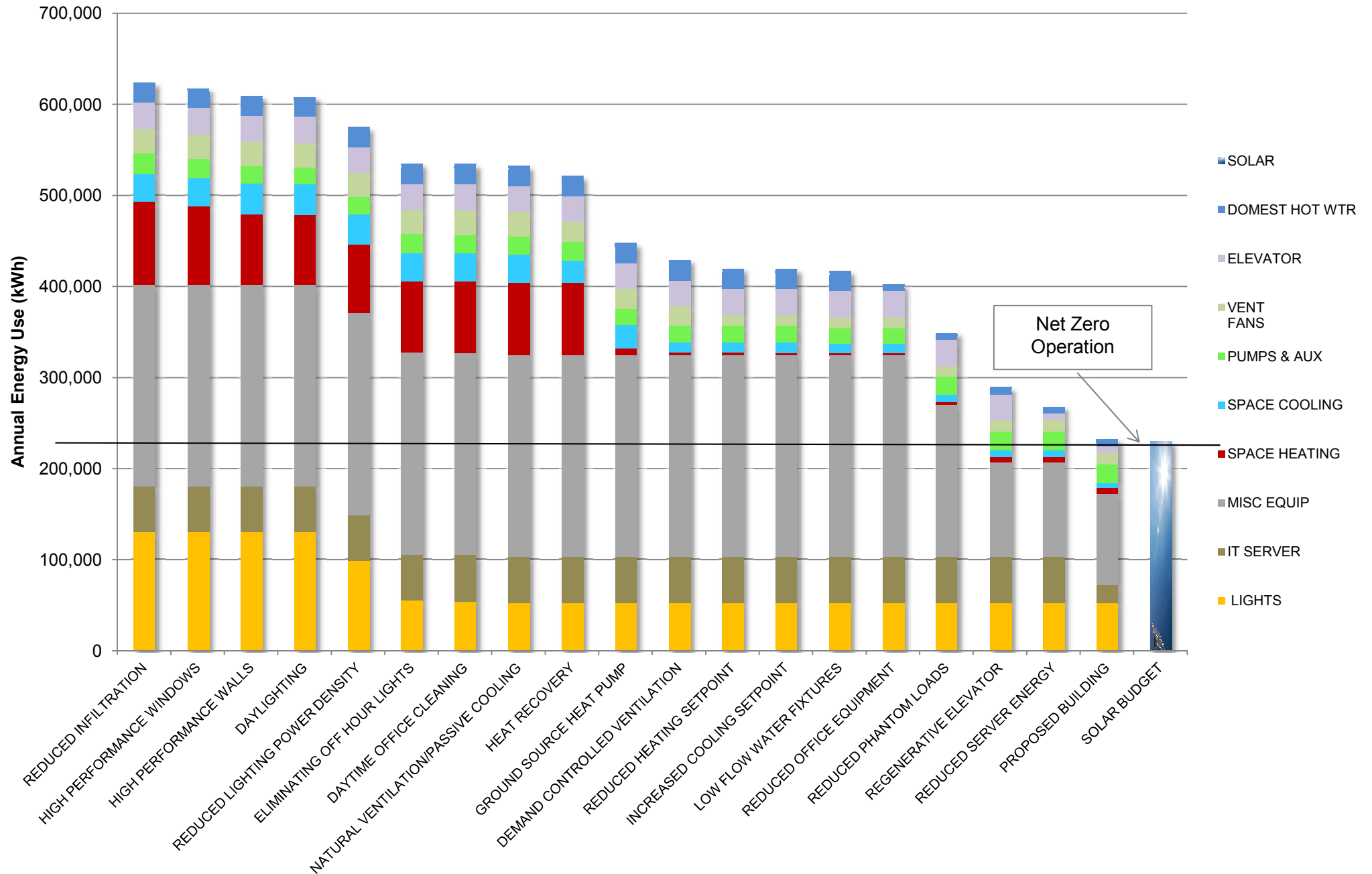


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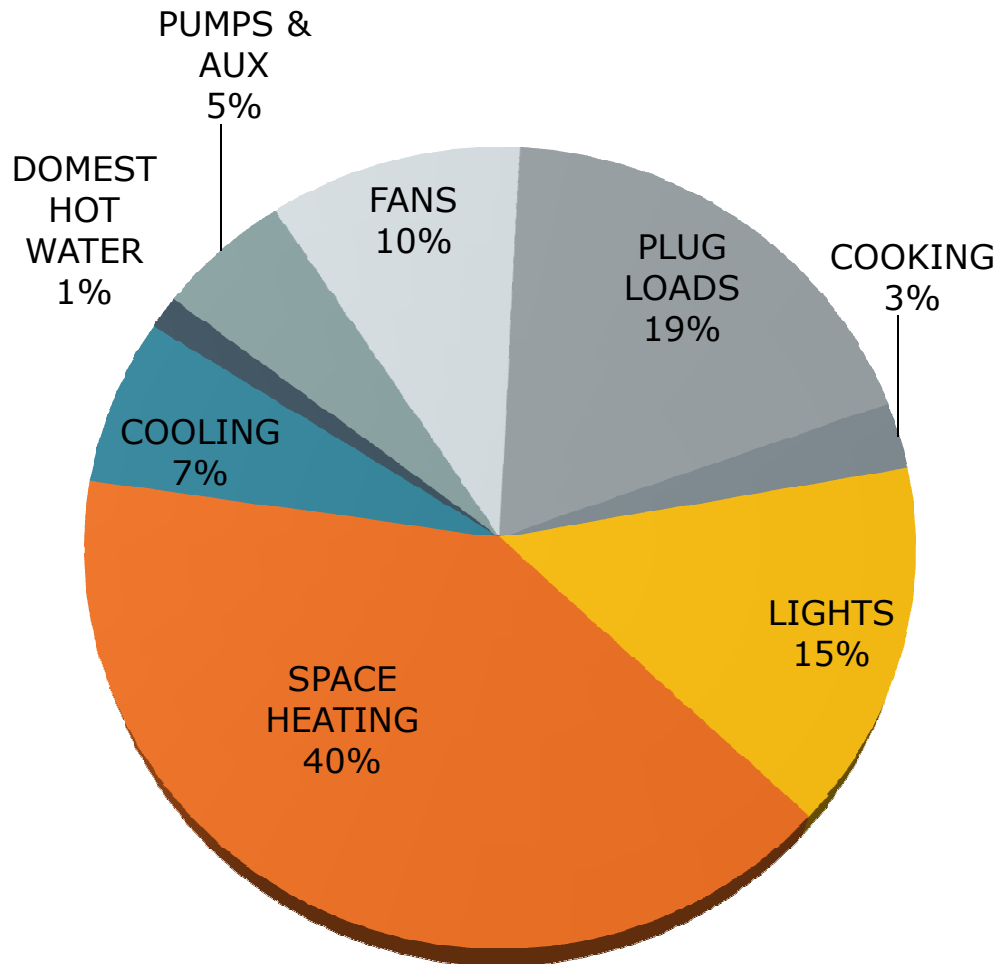


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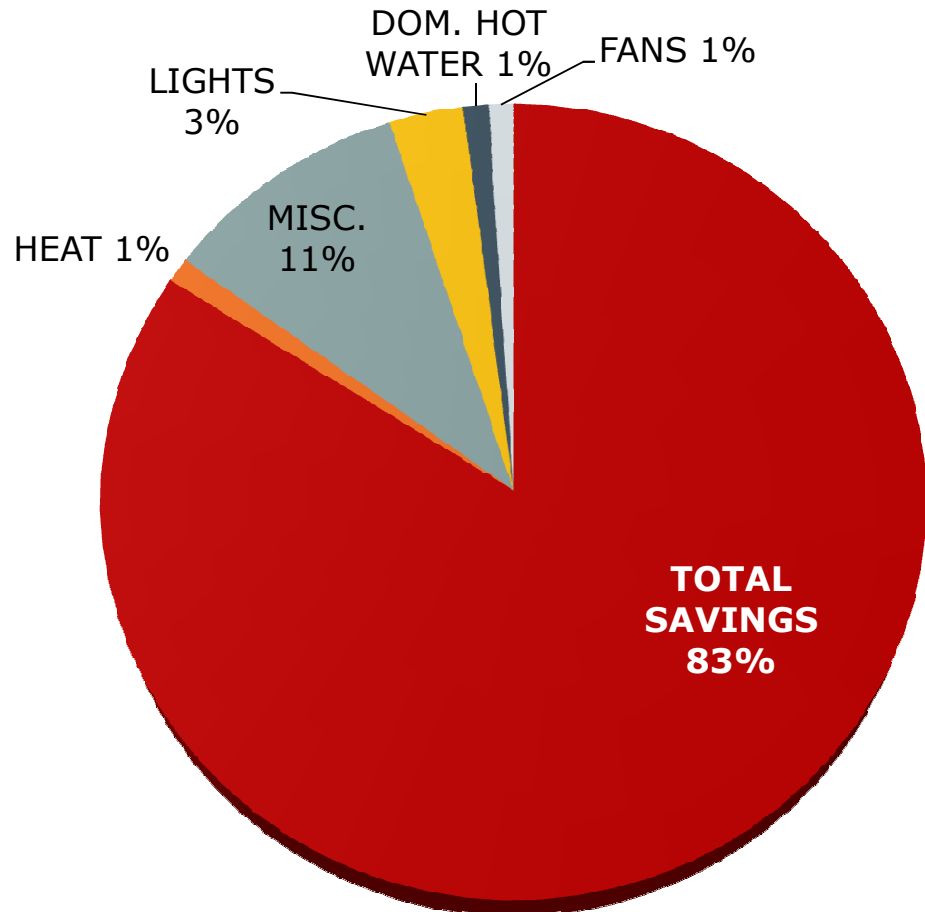


# Net Zero Energy

## Energy Consumption



*Typical Building*

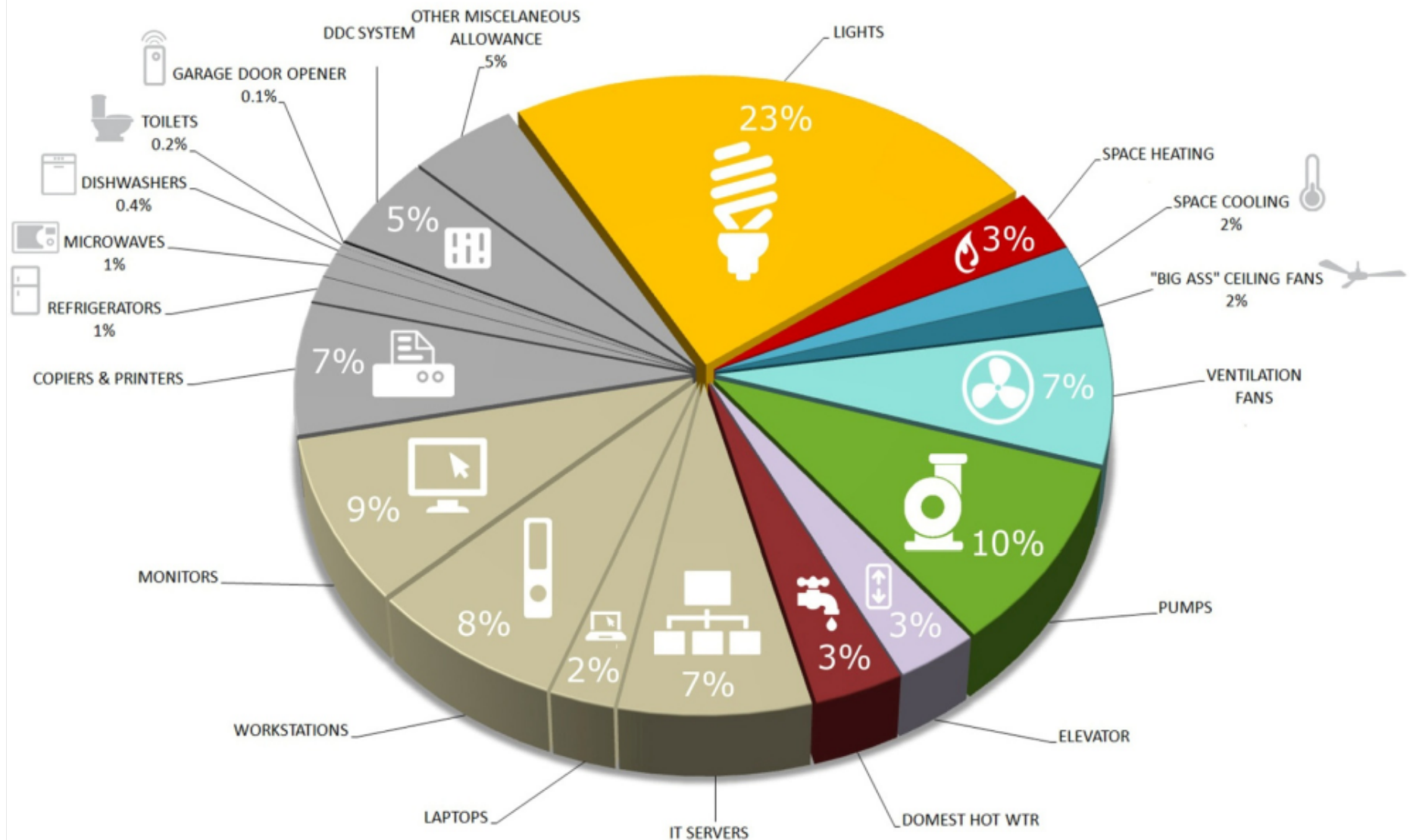


*Proposed Building*



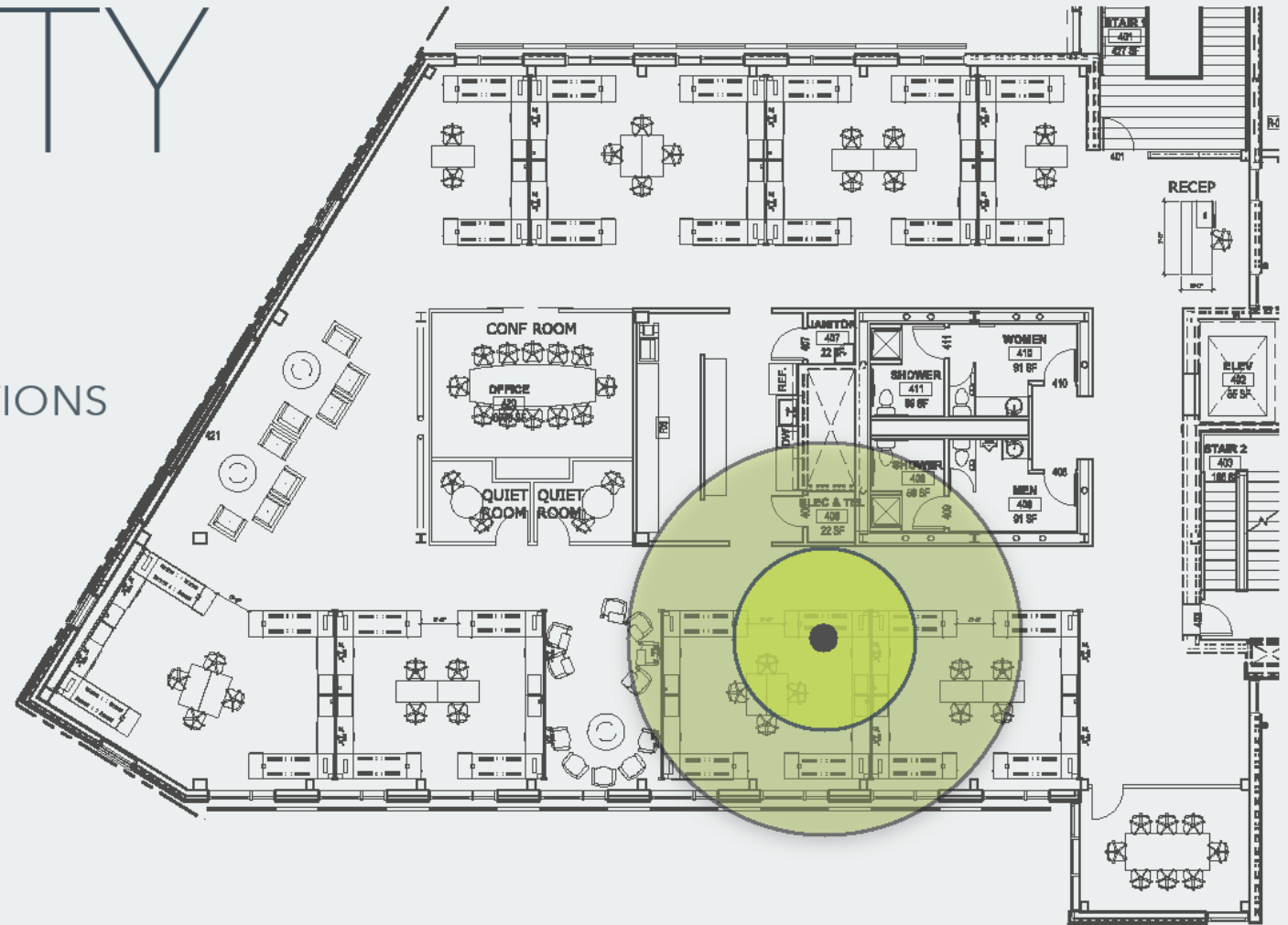
# Net Zero Energy

## Proposed Building Energy Use



# EQUITY

ALL PRIMARY WORKSTATIONS  
ARE WITHIN 30'-0" OF  
OPERABLE WINDOWS.



# AUTOMATED OPERABLE WINDOWS

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4'-0" X 10'-0" WINDOWS  
PROVIDED FRESH AIR  
TO TENANTS













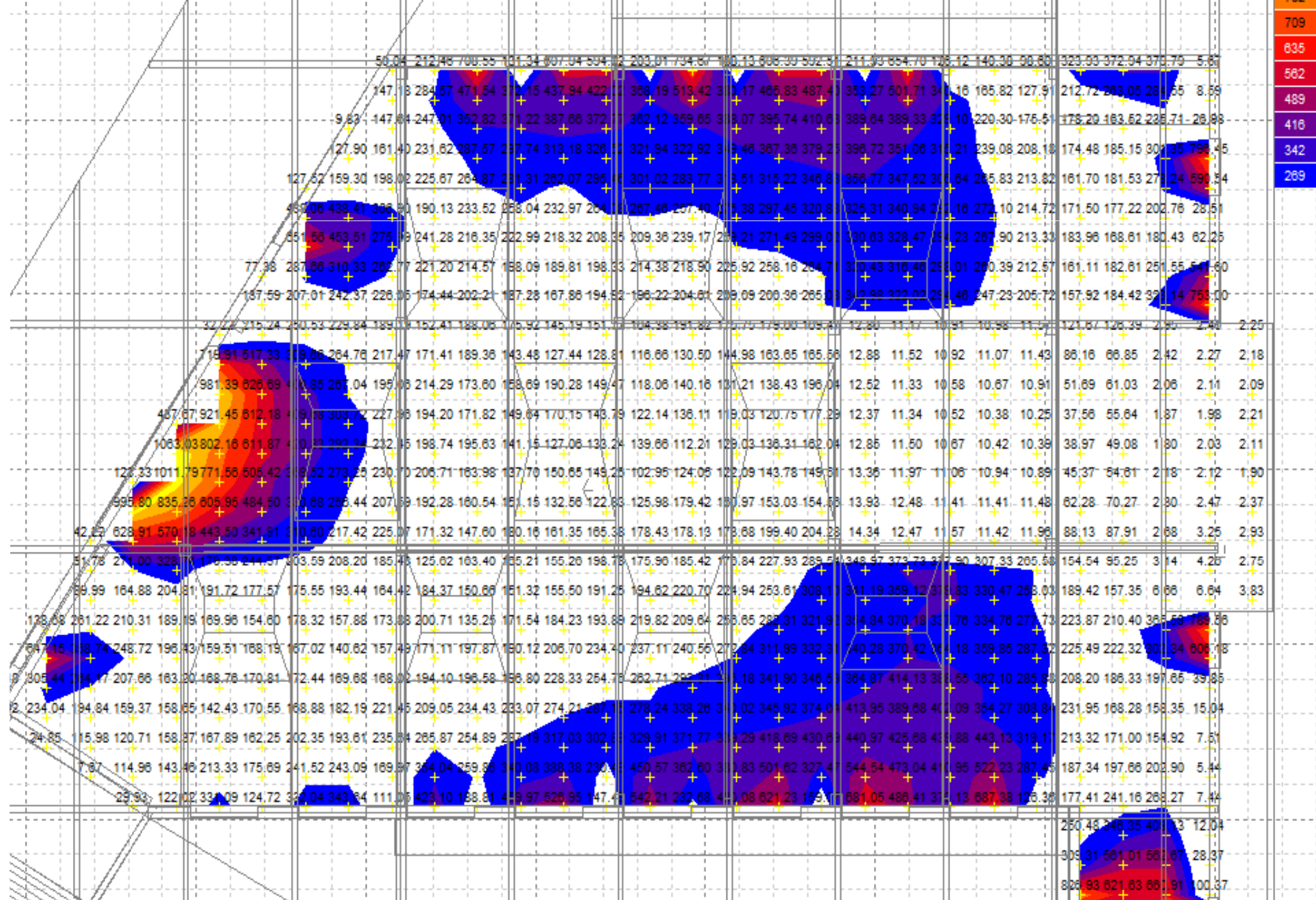
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## Illuminance

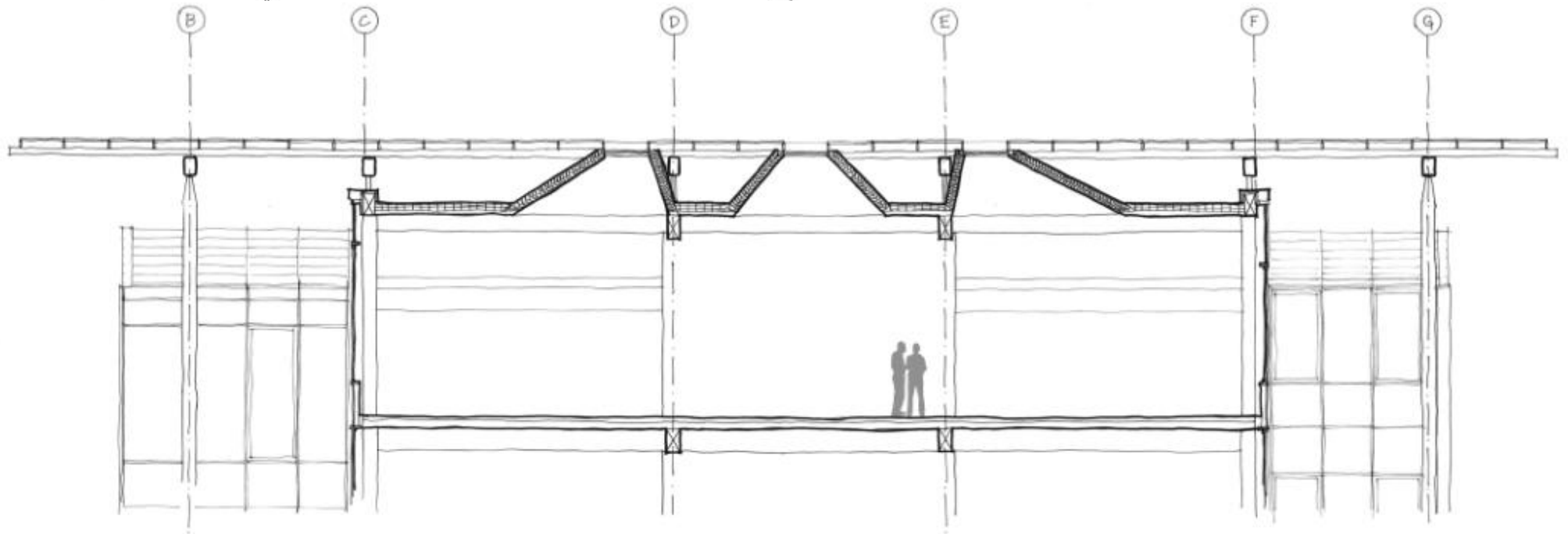
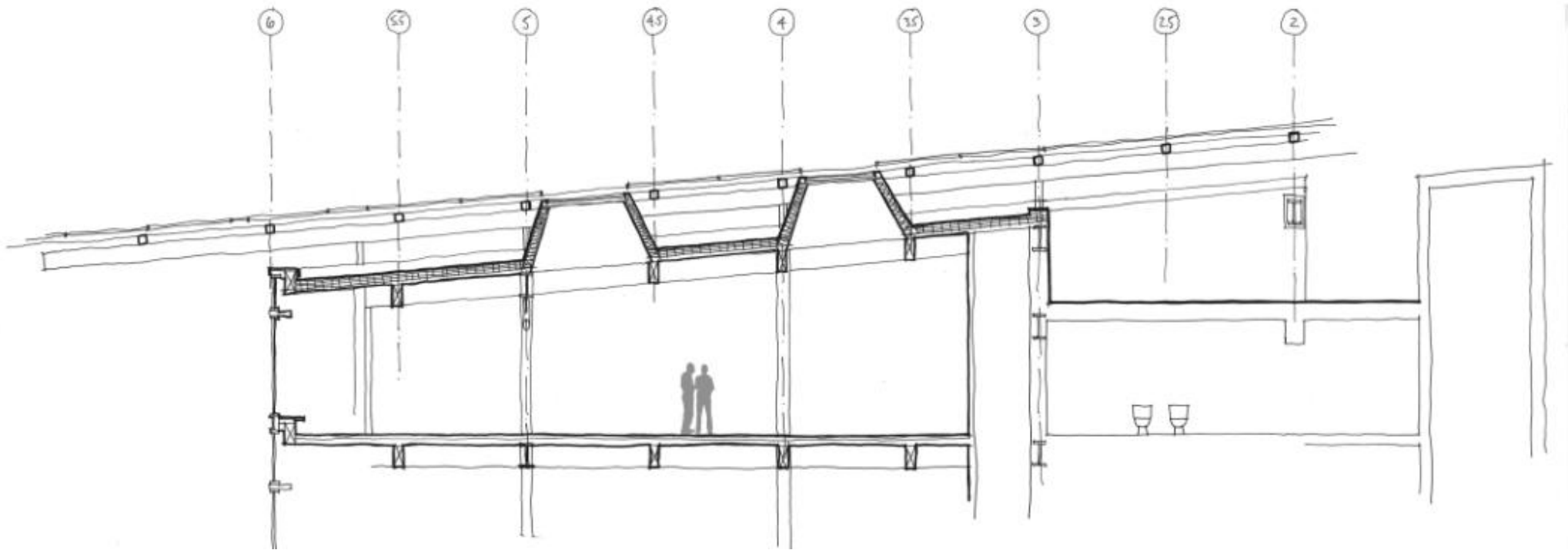
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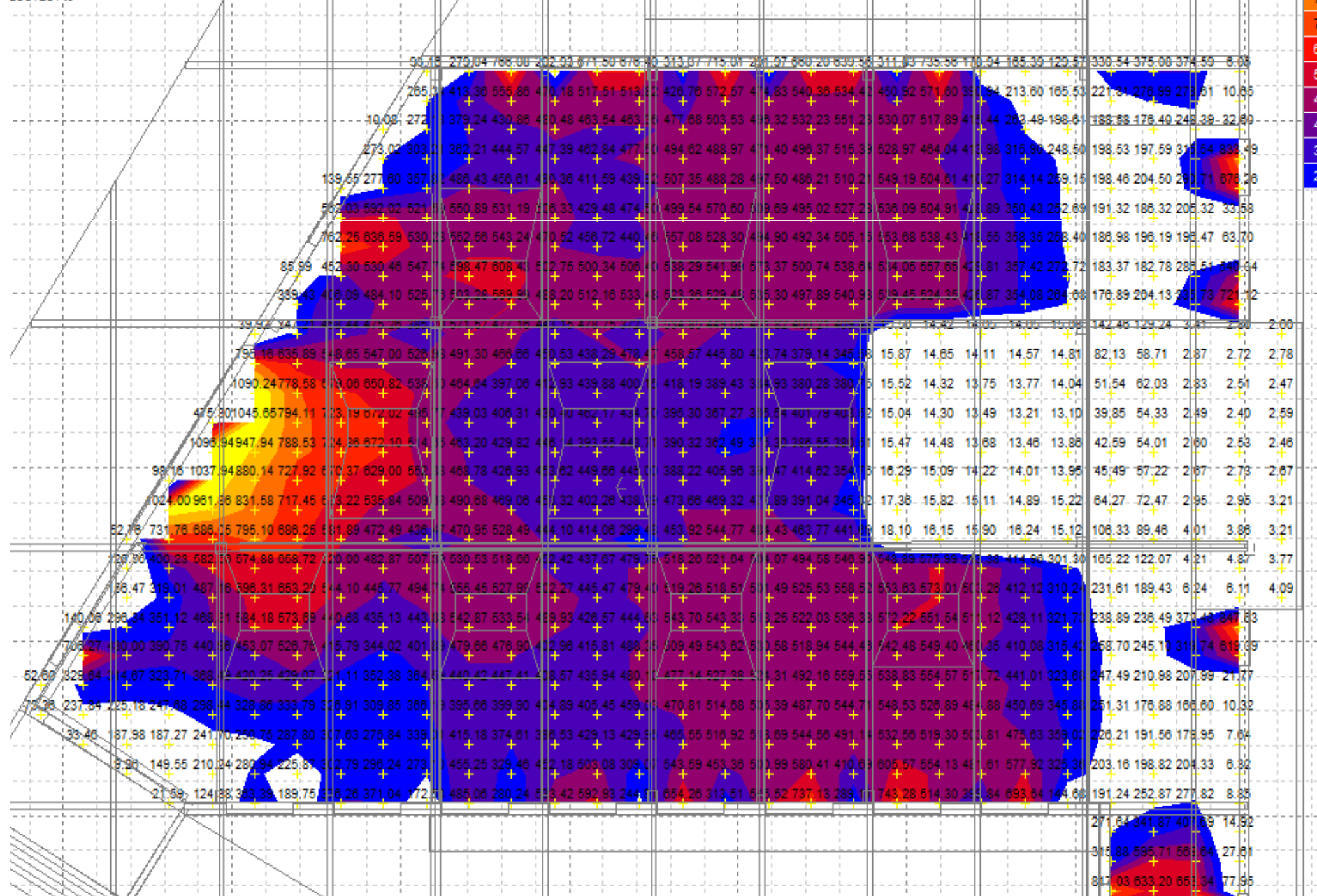
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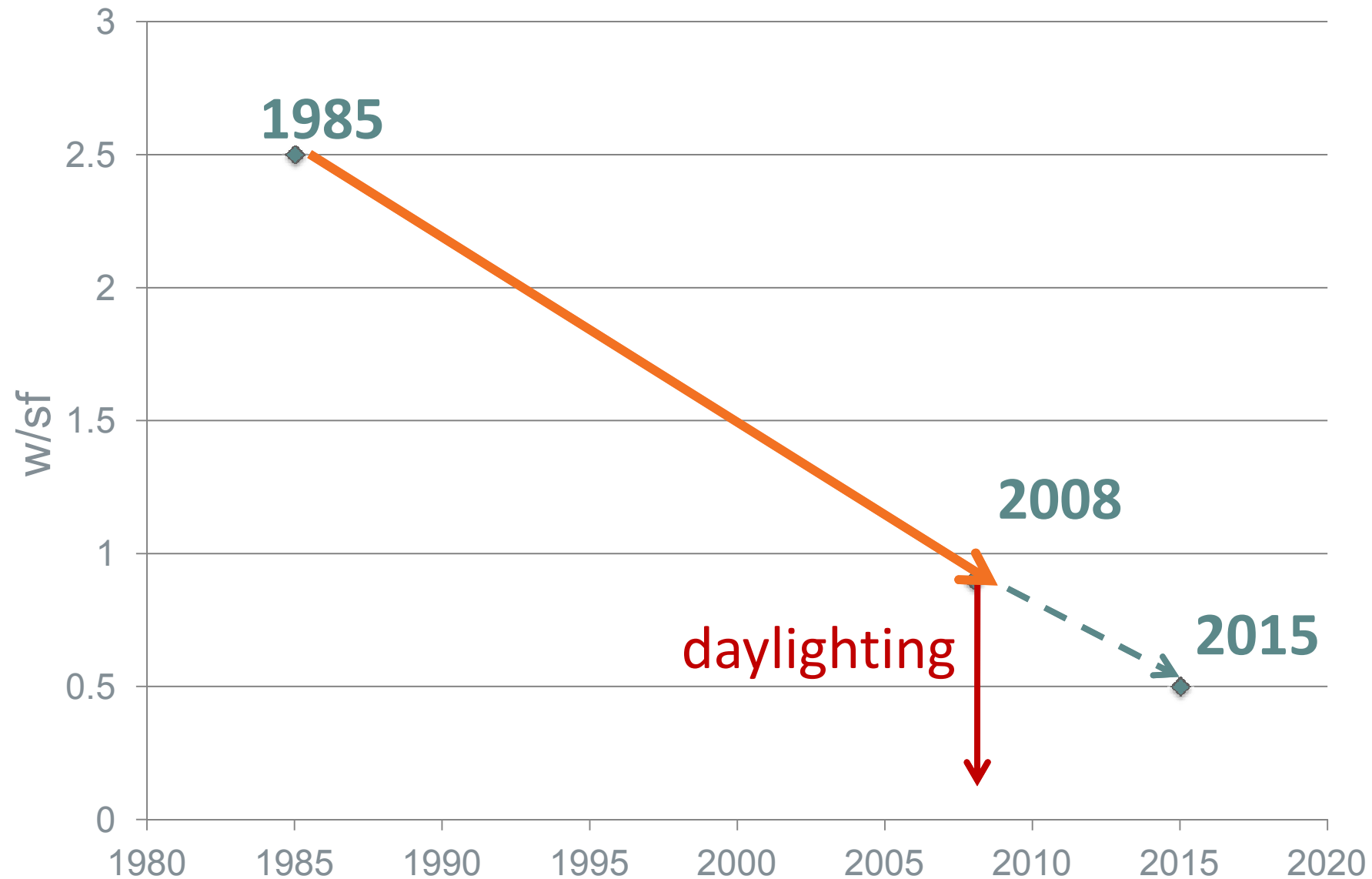






# Net Zero Energy - Lighting

## Lighting Codes



# Net Zero Energy - Lighting

## Dynamic Solar Shading & Glare Control



# Net Zero Energy - Envelope

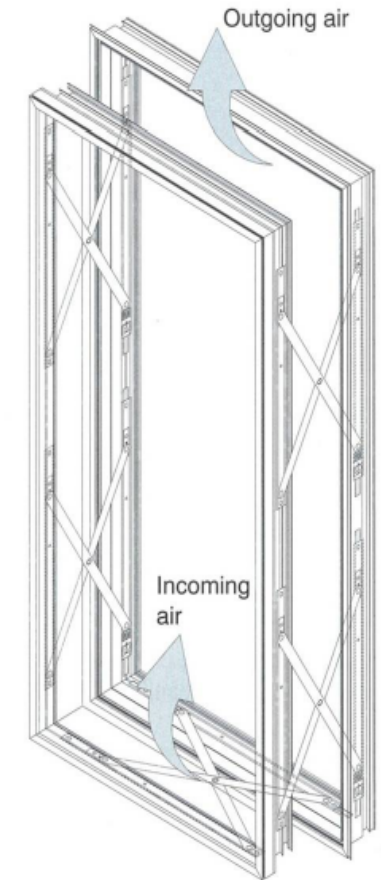
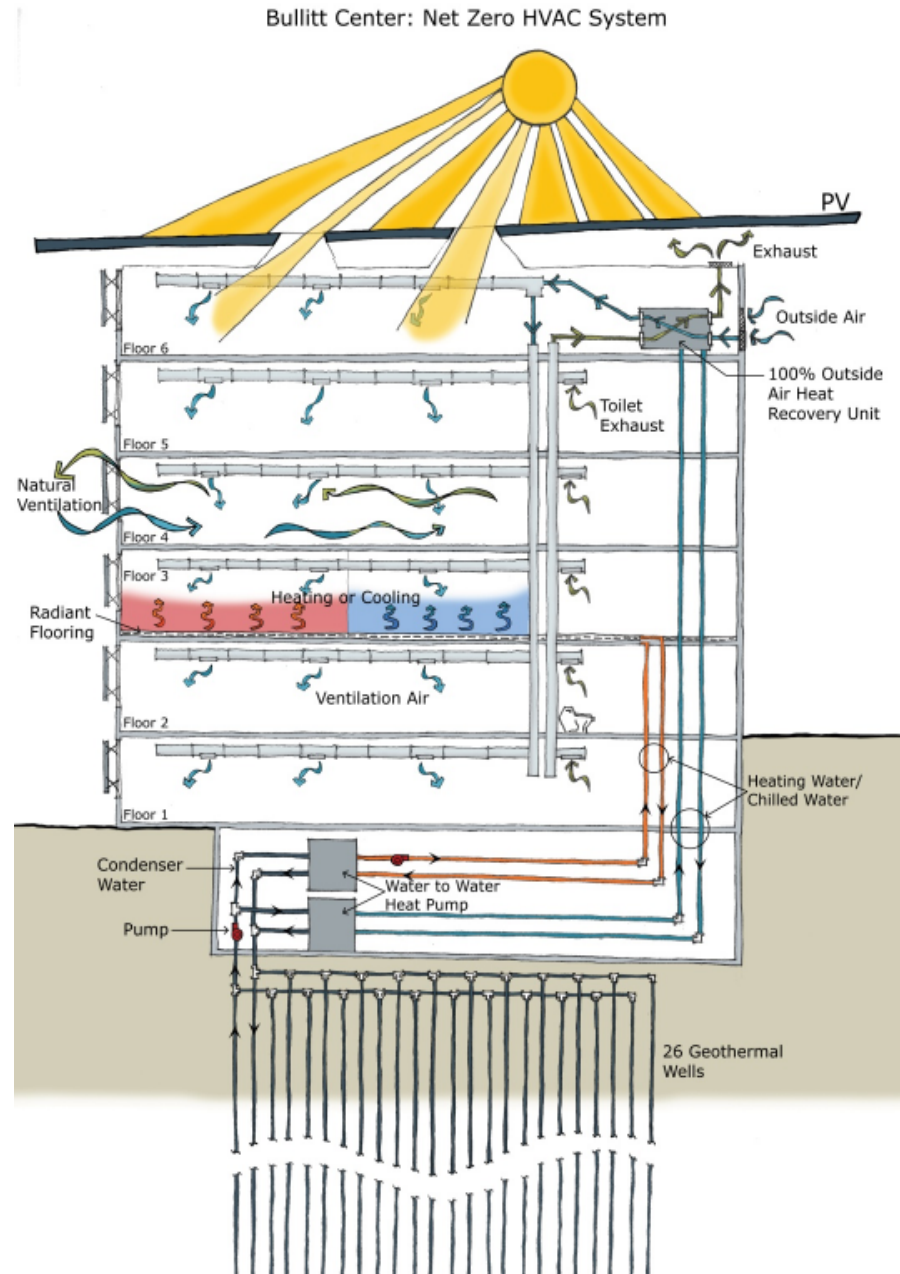
## Goals

Envelope	Seattle Code	Bullitt Foundation
Roof	R-29	R-38
Wall	R-16	R-21.4
Glazing	R-2	R-4 VT = 0.53
Infiltration	0.40 cfm/sf (New)	.24 cfm/sf



# Net Zero Energy - HVAC

## System Overview



# Occupants

Lease Requirements

Energy Requirements

Water Requirements

Materials Requirements

Thermal Requirements



Courtesy: Miller Hull

# Occupants

Plug Loads - 2007

250 Watts

20" CFL-LCD



20" CFL-LCD



100  
watts





# Occupants

Plug Loads - 2010

90 Watts

62  
watts

22" LED-LCD



14  
watts

22" LED-LCD



14  
watts



# Occupants

Plug Loads - 2011

42 Watts



# AVOIDING THE RED LIST

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SELECTING  
HEALTHY MATERIALS

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Asbestos

Cadmium

Chlorinated Polyethylene

Chlorosulfonated Polyethylene

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC)

Chloroprene (neoprene)

Formaldehyde

Halogenated Flame Retardants

Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC)

Lead

Mercury

Petrochemical Fertilizers and Pesticides

Phthalates

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

Creosote, Arsenic Wood treatment





# CHEMICALS

## 14 APPROPRIATE SOURCING

Source locations for materials and services must adhere to the following restrictions:

ZONE	MAX DISTANCE	MATERIALS/SERVICES	MASTERFORMAT 2004 CLASSIFICATION
7	20,004 km	Ideas	-
6	15,000 km	Renewable Technologies	Divisions: 42, 48
5	5,000 km	Assemblies that actively contribute to building performance + adaptable reuse once installed	Divisions: 08 (exterior), 11, 14, 22, 23, 26, 33, 44 Sections: 07 50 00, 10 21 23, 10 22 00, 10 70 00, 44 40 00
4	2,500 km	Consultant Travel	-
3	2,000 km	Light or low-density materials	Sections: 07 31 00, 07 33 00, 07 40 00, 09 50 00, 09 60 00
2	1,000 km	Medium weight or density materials	Divisions: 06, 08 (interior) Sections: 07 32 00, 09 20 00, 09 30 00, 12 30 00
1	500 km	Heavy or high-density materials	Divisions: 03, 04, 05, 31, 32







# FSC CERTIFIED STRUCTURE





# PROSOCO FASTFLASH





















# Steps towards Sustainability

## Existing Facilities



**TARGET FINDER**

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**Target Finder**

**REQUIRED**  
Select a target rating and/or compare your Design Energy to the target.

**1. Facility Information**

\*Zip Code 98195 Facility Name UW Site 33  
Address City Seattle State Washington

**2. Facility Characteristics**

\*Select Space Type(s) for this project.  
[Space Types]

Office [Delete](#)

*Gross Floor Area	*Weekly operating hours	*Workers on Main Shift	*Number of PCs	*Office Air-Conditioned	*Office Heated
9850 Sq. Ft.	56 Hours	56	50	50% or more	50% or more

Residence Hall/Dormitory [Delete](#)

*Gross Floor Area	*Number of Rooms	*Percent Cooled	*Percent Heated
87000 Sq. Ft.	135	10 %	100 %

**3. The Target!**

[Target Rating](#) [Energy Reduction Target](#)

50 Or Select

\*Choose the design target and select "View Results" to display associated energy use for the target.

**4. Estimated Design Energy**

Use results from energy analysis and enter total estimated energy for the design. Select "View Results" to compare Estimated Energy Use to your Target.

Energy Source	Units	Estimated Total Annual Energy Use <sup>2</sup>	Energy Rate (\$/Unit)
Electricity - Grid Purchase	kWh	776278	\$ /kWh
Natural Gas	therms	7371	\$ /therms
[Select Energy Source]			\$ /

<sup>1</sup>Target Rating uses the EPA energy performance rating of 1-100. 75 or higher denotes ENERGY STAR. An "Energy Reduction Target" is the percent reduction from the average energy consumption of a similar building, or an equivalent EPA rating of 50. Selecting a 50% (or higher) reduction target is acceptable for setting Architecture 2030 and AIA Sustainable Practice goals.  
<sup>2</sup>Annual Energy Use - the fuel mix percentage is determined from DOE-EIA. The Electricity % is determined by space type and zip code. Natural gas is used as 2<sup>nd</sup> energy source. The defaults for percentage of energy use by fuel type will be displayed at top of Results page. Wind and/or solar energy that will be sold back to the grid shouldn't be included as part of the Estimated Total Annual Energy Use.

[Clear Form](#) [View Results](#)

**TARGET FINDER**

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**Target Energy Performance Results**

The design **achieved** a rating of 75 or higher.

[APPLY for "Designed to Earn the ENERGY STAR"](#)

[View Statement of Energy Design Intent](#)

NOTE: Values are 78% Electricity - Grid Purchase and 22% Natural Gas. The Target & Average Building energy use for this facility are calculated based on fuel mix of input estimated energy use.

**Target Energy Performance Results (estimated)**

Energy	Design	Target	Average Building
<a href="#">Energy Performance Rating (1-100)</a>	86	50	50
<a href="#">Energy Reduction (%)</a>	42	0	0
<a href="#">Source Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/Sq. Ft./yr)</a>	99	170	170
<a href="#">Site Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/Sq. Ft./yr)</a>	35	60	60
<a href="#">Total Annual Source Energy (kBtu)</a>	9,618,270	16,472,248	16,472,248
<a href="#">Total Annual Site Energy (kBtu)</a>	3,385,761	5,798,453	5,798,453
<a href="#">Total Annual Energy Cost (\$)</a>	\$ 60,674	\$ 103,910	\$ 103,910
<b>Pollution Emissions</b>			
<a href="#">CO2-eq Emissions (metric tons/year)</a>	359	614	614
<a href="#">CO2-eq Emissions Reduction (%)</a>	42%	0%	0%

**Facility Information** [Edit](#)

**UW Site 33**  
Seattle, WA 98195  
United States

Facility Characteristics		Estimated Design Energy	
Space Type	Gross Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)	Energy Source	Units
Office	9,850		
Residence Hall/Dormitory	87,000		
<b>Total Gross Floor Area</b>	<b>96,850</b>		

Energy Source	Units	Estimated Total Annual Energy Use	Energy Rate (\$/Unit)
Electricity - Grid Purchase	kWh	776,278	\$ 0.068/kWh
Natural Gas	therms	7,371	\$ 1.113/therms

\* The Average Building is equivalent to an EPA Energy Performance Rating of 50.

Source: Data adapted from DOE-EIA. See EPA [Technical Description](#).



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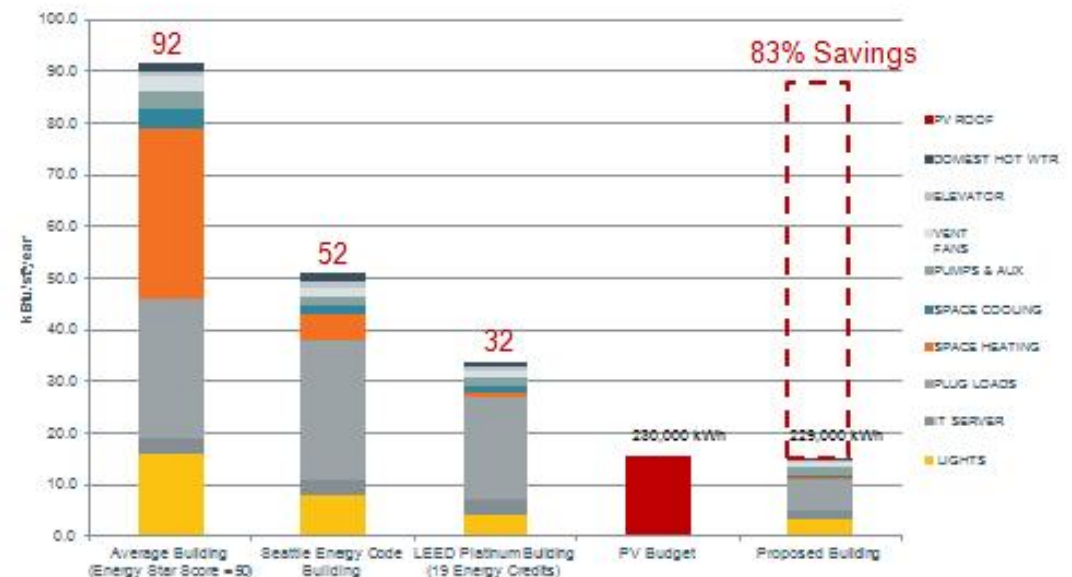
Commissioning/Retro-commissioning

Envelope, Mechanical, Lighting, Controls Upgrades

Renewables

Continuous Monitoring

## Energy Use + Solar Budget





A background image showing a city skyline with various skyscrapers under a blue sky with clouds. In the foreground, there is a construction site with scaffolding, orange safety flags, and construction equipment.

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